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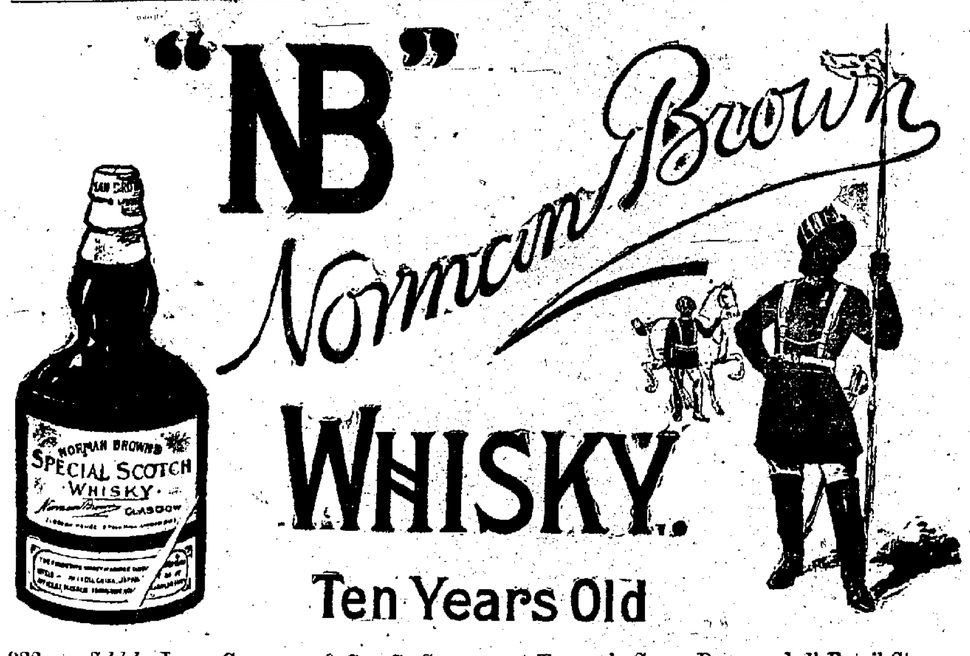

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Hongkong, August 30, 1897. 1733

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Hongkong, August 31, 1897. 1722

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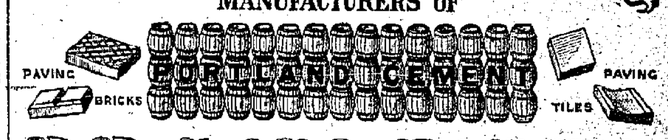

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

CONTRIBUTING SHAREHOLDERS are requested to send in a STATEMENT of BUSINESS CONTRIBUTED during the Half Year ended 30th June, 1897, on or before the 15th September, on which Date the Accounts will be CLOSED.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
THOS. I. ROSE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, August 25, 1897. 1697

THE GREEN ISLAND CEMENT Co., LIMITED.

NOTICE.

A CERTIFICATE of 35 SHARES of the New Issue numbered 28289/28323, standing in the Register of this COMPANY in the name of JACOB BENJAMIN ELIAS having been LOST, Notice is hereby given that a Duplicate Certificate for the said 35 Shares will be issued one month hence, and that the Original Certificate, unless produced within that period, will thereafter be held by the Company as null and void.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, August 18, 1897. 1643

THE CHINA & MANILA S. S. Co., LIMITED.

NOTICE.

A CERTIFICATE of 11 SHARES numbered 3968/3978, standing in the Register of this COMPANY in the name of HETTIE BUDD TOMES having been LOST, Notice is hereby given that a Duplicate Certificate for the said 11 Shares will be issued one month hence and that the Original Certificate, unless produced within that period, will thereafter be held by the Company as null and void.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, August 18, 1897. 1642

THE HONGKONG STEAM LAUNCH COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

A CERTIFICATE of 10 SHARES numbered 71/80, standing in the Register of this COMPANY in the name of SYLVESTER HEDDEN, having been LOST, Notice is hereby given that a Duplicate Certificate for the said 10 Shares will be issued one month hence and that the Original Certificate, unless produced within that period, will thereafter be held by the Company as null and void.

GORDON & Co.,
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Hongkong, August 28, 1897. 1726

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Hongkong, August 5, 1897. 1611

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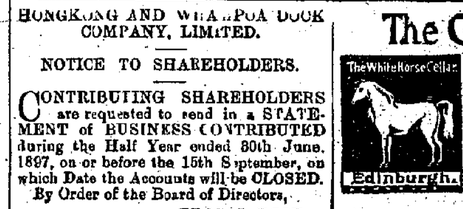

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HENRY HUMPHREYS,
for Secretary.

Hongkong, August 19, 1897. 1576

NOTICE.

A Special SESSION of Her Majesty's JUSTICES of the PEACE will be held in the JUSTICES' ROOM, at the Magistracy, at 11 o'clock in the FORENOON of TUESDAY, the 7th day of September, A.D. 1897, for the purpose of considering an application from one RUSTOMJEE COWASJEE BAMJEE, for the transfer of his Publican's licence to sell and retail intoxicating liquors on the premises situate at Rural Building Lot Nos. 77, Peak, under the sign of the *Peak Hotel* to one GEORGE JOHN CASANOVA.

H. E. WODEHOUSE,
Police Magistrate.

Magistracy, Hongkong, Aug. 28, 1897. 1738

BOMBAY FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Undersigned having been Appointed AGENTS of the above COMPANY, are prepared to accept FIRE RISKS.

P. P. TATA & Co.,
M. M. MEHTA,
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Hongkong, August 3, 1897. 1538

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AQUATIC SPORTS.

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Entries for Club Events will be received up till NOON, THURSDAY, 2nd Instant. Post Entries for Championship of the Colony.

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Hongkong, September 1, 1897. 1741

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Hongkong, September 1, 1897. 1753

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Hongkong, August 30, 1897. 398

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Hongkong, August 25, 1897. 2165

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Hongkong, August 25, 1897. 1712

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Hongkong, September 3, 1896. 1786

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Passenger Elevator, from Entrance Hall to each Floor, in charge of experienced Attendant.

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P. BOHM,
Proprietor and Manager.

Hongkong, November 24, 1894. 1907

To-day's Advertisements.

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OF
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THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on

SATURDAY,

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IN SUITE LENGTHS for Autumn and Winter Wear.

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Hongkong, September 2, 1897. 1739

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This Steamer has superior Accommodation for First and Second class Passengers, and carries a Doctor and a Stewardess.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
SIEMSSEN & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, September 2, 1897. 1725

To-day's Advertisements.

THE SECOND
ARMY AND NAVY
BOXING CONTEST
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THE CITY HALL,
ON
SATURDAY,
the 4th September.

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CUSACK AND NORTHCOTT
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AGAIN MEET.

The R.E.V.C. String Band will be in attendance.

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A. HARPER, *Stag Hotel.*

Hongkong, September 2, 1897. 1732

BELILIOS PUBLIC SCHOOL.

THE above SCHOOL will RE-OPEN on MONDAY Next, the 6th Instant.

Hongkong, September 2, 1897. 1758

THE HONGKONG COTTON SPINNING WEAVING AND DYEING Co., LIMITED.

CERTIFICATES for SHARES ($20 Paid-up) in the above COMPANY are now ready, and can be obtained at the OFFICES of the Undersigned in Exchange for the Banker's Receipts.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, September 2, 1897. 1759

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SANDAKAN AND KUDAT.

The Co.'s Steamship
Menmuir,
Captain MOCRIDGE, will be despatched on MONDAY, the 6th Instant, at 3 p.m.

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Hongkong, September 2, 1897. 1756

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

The Steamship
Catherine Apcar,
Captain E. FEY, will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 7th Instant, at 3 p.m.

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Hongkong, September 2, 1897. 1757

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Gaelic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea and Yokohama).....	SATURDAY, October 9, at noon.
Gaelic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and H'lulu)	THURSDAY, Oct. 28, at noon.

THE Steamship *BELGIC* will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, *viâ* SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on TUESDAY, the 21st September, at Noon.

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All Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; and same will be received at the Company's Office until 5 p.m. the day previous to sailing.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Offices, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN,
Agent.

Hongkong, September 2, 1897. 1760

Vessels Advertised as Loading.

Destination.	Vessels.	Agents.	Date of Leaving.
Australian Ports.....	Taiyuan (s).....	Butterfield & Swire...	Sept. 15, at 4 p.m.
Baltimore.....	Isaac Reed.....	Shewan, Tomes & Co	Quick despatch.
Bremen & Ports of Cal.	Prinz Heinrich (s).....	Norddeutscher Lloyd	Sept. 14, at 9 a.m.
London, v. Ports of Call	Ningchow (s).....	Holliday, Wise & Co..	About Sept. 21.
London, v. Suez Canal	Promethous (s).....	Butterfield & Swire...	Sept. 3, at noon.
London & Ports of Cal.	Nestor (s).....	Butterfield & Swire...	Sept. 8.
London, v. Ports of Cal.	Rosetta (s).....	P. & O. S. N. Co.....	Sept. 9, at noon.
London.....	Ceylon (s).....	P. & O. S. N. Co.....	Sept. 3, at noon.
M'seilles, London, &c.	Tosa Maru (s).....	Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	Sept. 7, at 4 p.m.
Nagasaki and Kobé....	Biojun Maru (s).....	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Sept. 7, daylight.
New York, v. Suez Canal	Lennox (s).....	Dodwell, Carlill & Co.	About Sept. 6.
Portland, Oregon.....	Duguesclin.....	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	Quick despatch.
Sandakan and Kudat..	Memnon (s).....	Butterfield & Swire..	Sept. 6, at 3 p.m.
S. Francisco, v. Japan	Belgic (s).....	O. & O. S. S. Co.....	Sept. 21, at noon.
S. Francisco, v. Japan	China (s).....	Pacific Mail S. S. Co	Sept. 11, at noon.
San Francisco.....	Heathbank.....	Shewan, Tomes & Co	Quick despatch.
Seattle, Washington ..	Kinshiu Maru (s).....	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Sept. 9, at 4 p.m.
Shanghai and Japan...	Ravenna (s).....	P. & O. S. N. Co.....	About Sept. 4.
S'hai, N'ki, K'be & Y'ma	Sumatra (s).....	P. & O. S. N. Co.....	About Sept. 5.
S'pore, P'nang & B'bay	Maria Valerie (s).....	Sander & Co.....	Sept. 7.
S'pore, P'nang & B'bay	Medusa (s).....	Sander & Co.....	Sept. 8.
S'pore, Penang & C'tta	Catherine Apcar (s)...	D. Sassoon, Sons & Co.	Sept. 7, at 3 p.m.
S'pore, Havre & H'burg	Aglaia (s).....	Siemssen & Co.....	Sept. 6, at 5 p.m.
S'pore, P'nang & B'bay	Letimbro (s).....	Carlowitz & Co.....	Sept. 3, at noon.
S'tow, Amoy & T'foo.	Thales (s).....	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Sept. 3, at noon.
Tacoma (Wash.), &c...	Victoria (s).....	Dodwell, Carlill & Co.	Sept 7, at noon.
Tientsin.....	Kweiyang (s).....	Siemssen & Co.....	Sept. 7.
Vancouver (B.C.), &	Empress of Japan (s)...	Canadian P'cific R. Co	Sept. 29, at noon.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

HEATHBANK, British barque, Capt. Jas. McKechnie.—Standard Oil Co.

ISAAC REED, American ship, Captain F. D. Waldo.—Standard Oil Co.

SENAWAY, British schooner, Captain E. Johnson.—Siemssen & Co.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

September 2.

Kiangnan, Chinese str., from Canton.

Ceylon, British steamer, 2,637, R. R. Pearce, Yokohama August 18, General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

Prometheus, British steamer, 3,583, R. Day, Foochow August 31, General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Chi Yuen, Chinese steamer, 1,174, W. Jamieson, Shanghai August 29, General.—C. M. S. N. Co.

Ask, Danish steamer, 682, H. Hygom, Haiphong August 30, and Hoihow September 1, Rice and General.—A. R. MARTY.

Veloz, German str., 636, P. Thomssen, Amoy August 31, Ballast.—WIELER & Co.

Triumph, German str., 675, A. Rieko, Pakhoi and Hoihow September 1, General.—JEBSEN & Co.

Machew, British str., 996, J. E. Farrell, Kob-si-chang August 27, Rice.—YUEN FAT HONG.

Cosmopolit, German str., 551, T. Fetz, Quinhon and Hoihow Sept. 1, General.—WIELER & Co.

Cheang Chew, British str., 1,213, Fred. Webb, Penang August 24, and Singapore 27, General.—HING SENG CHANG.

DEPARTURES.

September 2.

Doric, for San Francisco.
Pofoolung, for Hongay.
Multitude, for Hoihow.
Kwangsang, for Tientsin.
Nomoa, for Swatow.
Pakshan, for Swatow.
Saint Ninian, for Shanghai.
Lyemoon, for Shanghai.
Kwangtee, for Shanghai.

CLEARED.

Sierra Nevada, for Portland.
Chunsang, for Hongay.
Frejr, for Hoihow.
Landser, for Shanghai.
Esmeralda, for Manila.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per *Ceylon*, from Shanghai: for London, Mr and Mrs Holland. From Foochow: for Hongkong, Miss Tolley, Miss Hook, and 1 Chinese.

Per *Prometheus*, from Foochow, 8 Chinese.

Per *Chi Yuen*, from Shanghai, 4 Chinese.

Per *Ask*, from Haiphong, 10 Chinese.

Per *Veloz*, from Amoy, 67 Chinese.

Per *Triumph*, from Pakhoi, 30 Chinese.

Per *Machew*, from Kob-si-chang, Mr Grage, 5 Chinese and 1 Japanese.

Per *Cosmopolit*, from Quinhon, 40 Chinese.

Per *Cheang Chew*, from Penang, 813 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per *Doric*, for Shanghai, Mrs L. Montford, and Mr G. B. Adamson; for Nagasaki, Mrs Cohen and 1 Chinese; for Yokohama, Mr G. de Rivas, and Mrs Brook; for San Francisco, Miss Carroll; for Plymouth, Staff-Surgeon S. Keays, and Mrs S. Keays.

Per *Pakshan*, for Swatow, Mr and Mrs Thomson, Miss de Cruz, and 177 Chinese.

Per *Lyemoon*, for Shanghai, Mr Dede, Mr Herm, Tustus, Capt. Nissen, and Mr Alfr. Vopel, and 60 Chinese.

Per *Kwangtee*, for Shanghai, 80 Chinese.

TO DEPART.

Per *Frejr*, for Hoihow, 150 Chinese.

Per *Esmeralda*, for Manila, 8 Europeans and 10 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Prometheus* reports: Light S.S.W. to W.S.W. breeze and fine clear weather.

The Chinese steamer *Chi Yuen* reports: Light monsoon and fine clear weather, with smooth sea.

The British steamer *Machew* reports: August 27th, light variable airs and fine weather; 28th, light variable airs and fine weather; 29th, light breeze and hot sultry weather; 30th, calm and squally appearances forenoon, and light Southerly airs, latter part of day; 31st, light breeze and exceedingly fine weather; Sept. 1st, light breeze and exceedingly fine weather; 2nd, light S'ly winds and hot sultry weather.

The British steamer *Cheang Chew* reports: First part, N.W. winds and cloudy, with passing showers; latter part, light variable winds and fine weather to port.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:—

For BANGKOK.—
Per *Wangkoi*, at 9.30 a.m., on Friday, the 3rd September.

For SINGAPORE, PENANG & BOMBAY.—
Per *Letimbro*, at 11.30 a.m., on Friday, the 3rd September.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:—

For SWATOW, AMOY & TAIWANFOO.
Per *Thales*, at 11.30 a.m., on Friday, the 3rd September.

For SINGAPORE.—
Per *Ceylon*, at 11.30 a.m., on Friday, the 3rd September.
Per *Prometheus*, at 11.30 a.m., on Friday, the 3rd September.
Per *Ardaia*, at 4.30 p.m., on Saturday, the 4th September.
Per *Tosa Maru*, at 3.30 p.m., on Tuesday, the 7th September.

For YOKOHAMA & KOBE.—
Per *Hertha*, at 4.30 p.m., on Monday, the 6th September.

For SWATOW, CHINKIANG & HANKOW.—
Per *Kiangnan*, at 5 p.m., on Saturday, the 4th September.

For STRAITS & CALCUTTA.—
Per *Lightning*, at 2 p.m., on Tuesday, the 7th September.

For WUCHOW.—
Per *Hoi On*, at 5 p.m., on Saturday, the 4th September.

For SANDAKAN & KUDAT.—
Per *Menmuir*, at 2.30 p.m., on Monday, the 6th September.

For SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, VICTORIA & TACOMA.—
Per *Victoria*, at 11.30 a.m., on Tuesday, the 7th September.

For KOBE YOKOHAMA, & SEATTLE.
Per *Kinshiu Maru*, at 3.30 p.m., on Thursday, the 9th September.

MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET.—
The British Contract Packet *Rosetta* will be despatched on THURSDAY, the 9th September, with Mails for the United Kingdom, Europe, and countries beyond, *viâ Brindisi*; to the Straits Settlements, Netherlands India, Burmah, Ceylon, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

The usual hours will be observed in closing the Mails, &c.

HOURS OF CLOSING THE ENGLISH AND FRENCH MAILS.

When the Packets leave at Noon.

The following hours will be observed in closing the Mails for Europe, &c., by the English and French Packets, when they leave at Noon. The Money Order Office will be closed at 5 the day before.

8.00 A.M.—Posting of Prices Current and Circulars ceases.
(Prices Current and Circulars may however be posted up to 10 o'clock if they are tied in bundles, country by country, with the addresses all one way).
10.00 A.M.—Registry ceases.
10.30 A.M.—Posting of Newspapers, Books, and Patterns ceases.
11.00 A.M.—Mail closes.
LATE LETTERS may be posted (from 11.10 A.M.) *with 10 cents late fee* up to 11.30 A.M., after which hourthey may be sent on Board with the same Late Fee.

REGISTRATION.—Correspondence can be registered in all Private Ship mails up to five minutes before the time for closing; for the Shanghai or Japan contract mails up to a quarter of an hour before; for mails for Europe, America, and Canada, &c., up to an hour before; for Indian, Northern Pacific, and Torres Straits mails, up to half an hour before.

MONEY LETTERS.—The Post Office decline all responsibility for unregistered Letters containing bank notes, coin, or jewellery, and, where Registration has been neglected, WILL MAKE NO ENQUIRIES into alleged losses of such letters (Post Guide, Par 30)

LOCAL DELIVERIES.—Separate Boxes have been provided for posting Correspondence for the Town, Kowloon and the Peak. The Boxes are under the Window at the East end of the Verandah facing Queen's Road.

Letters, parcels, &c., for Kowloon Point and Steamers in Harbour may be posted in the General Post Office up to 11.30 a.m. and 3.30 p.m. Letters *from* Kowloon Point may be posted in the Letter Box which has been placed in the Police Compound outside the Charge Room up to 12 and 4 o'clock, and in the Pillar Box at the Wharf. Local Rates will be charged. To avoid robbery, senders of letters *from* Kowloon are requested to cancel their stamps by writing the word *stamped* across them. Covers containing Bank Notes, &c., should be registered. No Sunday delivery.

Hongkong Register.

	Previous day at 4 p.m.	On date at 10 a.m.	On date at 4 p.m.
Barometer ...	29.85	29.90	29.80
Temperature	85	84	86
Humidity ...	76	73	72
Direction of Wind ...	SW	SW	SW
Force	1	2	1
Weather	cp	cp	c
Rain	—	0.01	—

Highest open air temperature on the 1st 88
Lowest open air temperature on the 1st 77

F. G. FIGE, *Acting Director.*
Hongkong Observatory, Sept. 2, 1897.

Temperature.

(*Taken at Messrs Falconer & Co.'s Premises, Queen's Road.*)
HONGKONG, Sept. 2, 1897.

BAROMETER—	9 A.M.... ...	29.88
Do.	1 P.M.... ...	29.84
Do.	4 P.M.... ...	29.78
THERMOMETRE—	9 A.M.... ...	84
Do.	1 P.M.... ...	86
Do.	4 P.M.... ...	85
Do.	(Wet bulb) 9 A.M.	79
Do.	Do. 1 P.M.	80
Do.	Do. 4 P.M.	79
Do.	Maximum	86
Do.	Minimum overnight	83

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.

Noon.—*Thales* leaves for Swatow, &c.
Noon.—*Prometheus* leaves for L'don, &c.
Noon.—*Ceylon* leaves for London.
Noon.—*Letimbro* leaves for B'bay, &c.

Miscellaneous.

Goods per *Catherine Apcar* undelivered after 4 p.m. this date landed.

Aquatic Sports.

General Memoranda.

SATURDAY, September 4:—
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Sundries, &c., at Mr. Geo. P. Lammert's.
Aquatic Sports.
Boxing Contest in the City Hall.

MONDAY, September 6:—
Belilios Public School re-opens.

TUESDAY, September 7:—
11 a.m.—Meeting of H. M.'s Justices of the Peace in the Justices' Room.
Goods per *Maria Rickmers* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

THURSDAY, September 9:—
Goods per *Hertha* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

Quotations.

HONGKONG, Sept. 2, 1897.

OPIUM—	New Patna, cash, ...	736½/740
,,	Old ,, cash, ...	—
,,	New Benares, cash,	786½/740
,,	Old ,, cash,...	—
,,	New Malwa, credit,	830/840
	Allowance Taels,...	4/8
,,	Last Year New	850/870
	Allowance, Taels....	4/8
	Old Malwa credit,...	910/930
	Allowance, Taels,...	0/8
,,	Persian, Paper tied	650/660
	Allowance, Taels, ...	5/8

Exchange

HONGKONG, September 2, 1897.

On London—	
Bank, Wire, ...	...1/9⅝
,, On demand, ...	...1/9 7/16
,, 30 days' sight, ...	...1/9⅝
,, 4 months' sight, ...	...1/9 15/16
Credits, 4 ,, ,, ...	...1/9¾
Documentary, 4 months' sight,	...1/9⅝
On Paris—	
On demand, ...	... 2.25
Credits, 4 months' sight, ...	... 2.29
On Berlin—Demand,...	... 1.82
On New York—	
On demand, ...	... 43⅜
Credits, 60 days' sight,... ...	... 44⅜
On Bombay—	
Wire, ...	... 134½
On demand, ...	... 135
On Calcutta—	
Wire, ...	... 134½
On demand, ...	... 135
On Singapore—	
On demand, ...	... 1½%
On Manila—	
On demand, ...	... 5½%
On Shanghai—	
On demand, ...	... 77
30 days' sight, (private paper)	... 78
On Yokohama—	
On demand, ...	...11%
Gold Leaf, 100 fine, (per tael)...	$56.00
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)	$11 01
Silver (per oz.)	23¾d.

DEATH.

Died at Sea, on August 31, THOMAS EDWARD, infant Son of J. E. and A. J. Farrell; aged 6 months and 20 days.

The publication of this issue commenced at 6.35 p.m.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1897.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

STEAMERS PASSED SUEZ CANAL.
(SUPPLIED THROUGH REUTER.)

OUTWARD BOUND:—*Lochtay*, July 27; *Gisela*, August 3; *Elm Branch*, *Flintshire*, *Lady Furness*, 6; *Macduff*, *Sumatra*, *St. Jerome*, 10; *Glenartney*, *Oolong*, *Sydney*, *Teucer*, *Ceres*, *Helene Rickmers*, 17; *Socotra*, 20; *Remus*, 24; *Ouafa*, 25; *Eitrickdale*, 27; *Carmarthenshire*, *Gerda*, *Preussen*, *Menelaus*, *Indrani*, 31.

HOMEWARD BOUND:—*Aladdin*, July 30; *Benledi*, *Formosa*, Aug. 6; *Hector*, *Pakling*, 20; *Canton*, *Myrmidon*, 24; *Marquis Bacquehem*, *Melbourne*, 31.

VESSELS PASSED ANJER.

OUTWARD:—July 2.—British ship *Wm. Tillie* for Nagasaki, from Philadelphia March 26. July 3.—British ship *Lord Wolseley* for Yokohama, from Pensacola Feb. 23. July 5.—British barque *Benaven* for Hiogo, from Philadelphia March 24. July 9.—German ship *Richard Rickmers* for Singapore, from Cardiff April 2. July 12.—German ship *Kaiser* for Singapore, from Newcastle, N.S.W., May 29. July 31.—German ship *Senator Wersmann* for Anjer, f.o., from New York April 25. August 4.—British ship *Drumelton* for Shanghai, from New York May 9. August 6.—British ship *Orpheus* for Singapore, from Barry April 30. August 7.—American ship *S. D. Carleton* for Shanghai, from New York May 4. August 7.—American ship *McMillan* for Japan, from Middlesbro' April 27. August 9.—American ship *Vigilant* for Japan, from New York April 26. August 11.—British ship *Willieburn* for Shanghai, from New York May 8.

HOMEWARD:—July 12.—British ship *Sierra Segura* for Falmouth, from Saigon June 2. July 13.—British barque *Cambusdoon* for New York, from Singapore. July 14.—Hawaiian barque *Foohng Suey* for New York, from Manila May 25. July 30.—British ship *Bangalore* for London, from Manila June 26. July 31.—Italian barque *Antioco Accame* for New York, from Singapore July 14. August 2.—Norw. barque *Rigi* for Lisbon, from Bangkok June 7. August 3.—Norwegian barque *Alida* for Reunion, from Saigon June 25. August 12.—British ship *Canara* for Boston, from Cebu July 15. August 12.—British ship *Armadale* for Liverpool, from Manila June 24.

Mails.

The P. M. Co.'s s. s. *China*, with the AMERICAN MAIL of the 5th Aug., left Yokohama, on Friday, 27th Aug., at daylight, and may be expected here on or about Saturday, the 4th Sept.

The P. & O. s. s. *Ravenna*, with the ENGLISH MAIL of August 6th, left Singapore on Tuesday, the 31st Aug., at 6 a.m., and may be expected here on or about Sunday, the 5th September. This Packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on 1st July.

The O. & O. Co.'s s. s. *Belgic*, with the AMERICAN MAIL of the 14th Aug., leaves Yokohama on Tuesday, the 31st Aug., at daylight, and may be expected here on or about Wednesday, the 8th Sept.

The C. P. R. Co.'s s. s. *Empress of Japan* sailed from Vancouver for Yokohama on the morning of Tuesday, Aug. 24th.

The P. M. Co.'s s. s. *Peru*, with mails &c., left San Francisco for this port, via Honolulu, Yokohama, Inland Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai, on the 24th Aug.

Steamers Expected.

The Austrian Lloyd's s. s. *Maria Valerie* left Yokohama for this port on the 29th Aug.

The E. & A. s. s. *Menmuir*, from Sydney, &c., left Port Darwin on the 24th Aug., for this port.

The P. & O. s. s. *Sumatra* left Singapore for this port, on the 31st August, at noon.

The C. M. Co.'s s. s. *Oolong*, from Glasgow and Liverpool, passed the Canal on the 16th Aug., and may be considered due at Singapore on or about the 3rd September.

The R. L. s. s. *Helene Rickmers*, from Middlesbro', Antwerp and Hamburg, passed the Canal on the 16th Aug., and may be considered due at Singapore on or about the 7th September.

The C. M. Co.'s s. s. *Oonfa*, from Swansea and Liverpool, passed the Canal on the 25th Aug., and may be considered due at Singapore on or about the 11th Aug.

The N. P. Co.'s s. s. *Olympia* sailed from Tacoma, Washington, for this port via Japan on the 14th Aug.

Latest Advices.

The C. P. R. Co.'s s. s. *Empress of China* arrived at Vancouver at 9.30 a.m., on Wednesday, the 1st Sept.

The E. A. s. s. *Guthrie*, from Sydney &c., left Port Darwin on the 2nd Sept. for this port.

SINGAPORE residents are complaining of Rifle Brigade nudity at the bathing places. This was a frequent complaint during the short stay of the Regiment in Hongkong.

THE Blue Funnel steamer *Glaucus* made the passage from Liverpool to Singapore in under 26 days, her times being: Liverpool to Port Said, 9 days 19 hours 50 min., Suez to Singapore 15 days 12 hours 58 min. She made the run from Liverpool to Hongkong in 32 days, not at all bad for 'a floating godown' with cargo to work at each port.

THE Band of the West Yorkshire Regiment will play the following programme at the Aquatic Sports of the V.R.C. on Saturday, the 4th inst., commencing at 4 p.m.:—

1—March of the Peers from ... Balfe
2—Polka ... Kings at Nice ... Coote
3—Recollections of England ... Arr. Godfrey
4—Song ... The Flight of Love ... Bevan
5—Valse ... Carmenita ... W. H. Bailey
6—Selection ... The Chimes Girl ... Jean Lange
7—Hymn ... Vexillum ... Sullivan
8—Selection ... The Grand Duchess ... Offenbach
God Save the Queen.
WM. UPTON, Bandmaster, 1st B.D.W.R. Regiment.

New PIANO and Organ Repairing Material and Machinery just to hand; also the latest Music. W. Rabjohns & Co.

SUBJECTS for cremation are now received by the Crematorium at the new Cemetery at Shanghai. The Crematorium is in good working order, and on the 26th August a human body was cremated in a little over an hour.

THE Straits cricketers are in good form, and if they can send their best Eleven to Hongkong some interesting cricket may be anticipated. In a recent match 366 runs were scored for the loss of three wickets in 208 minutes.

A RUMOUR was current in town yesterday that a certain banking institution not a hundred miles from Hongkong had 'chopped' a million yen for circulation locally in order to relieve the stringency caused by the withdrawals of Hongkong currency to the adjacent Province and to Japan, where the yens are being stored to await the operation of the Gold Currency Law in Japan. Why does not the Hongkong Government take some action to supply subsidiary coins? Surely the present is an opportune time to come to the rescue, more especially as it is a profitable business for the Government.

THE Legislative Council will meet on Monday first, at 3 p.m.:—*Business.*—Report of the Finance Committee. (No. 6.); Report of the Public Works Committee. (No. 5.) *Orders of the Day.*—First reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to authorise the Appropriation of a Supplementary Sum of Three hundred and Forty-one thousand and Twenty-five Dollars and Thirty-seven Cents to defray the Charges of the Year 1896; first reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to prevent the Spread of Infectious Disease arising from the consumption of contaminated or unwholesome milk; first reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to further amend The Hongkong Fire Brigade Ordinance, 1868.

FROM the *Pioneer Mail* we learn of the wonderful escape of a Commissariat Sergeant in the attack by Pathans on the Malakand Camp. Some of the enemy had at the commencement got into the commissariat enclosure and into the room where Honorary Lieutenant Manley, Commissariat Officer, and Sergeant Harrington were. Lieutenant Manley went for them with his revolver, shooting two, and was then killed. Sergeant Harrington had no weapons, the room was dark, and he stood with his back to the wall as still as he could. The ghazis walked round the room feeling the wall, but just missed him, and thinking the room was empty left. As they came in he had heard them say in Pushtoo, 'There should be two here,' showing that the men knew the place well, and expected to find him there.

BY order of H.E. the Governor the Indian and Chinese members of the Police who represented the Colony at the Record Reign celebrations in London, were asked to give their impressions of their visit to England. In an interview our representative had with two Indian sergeants on the day the contingent returned from Home, we published the impressions of the Indians, and the report submitted to the Governor is in similar terms. We quote two of the paragraphs.—'Generally speaking, the manner, habit and custom of that great country's people are so much superior to our uncivilized countries people in the East, that it is almost impossible to describe. The climate is beautiful there, no such hot weather as in our own country; the water from the tap comes out as if it had been iced here.' Referring to the tiffin at Windsor, the report states 'one would have thought he was in Heaven.' The report of the Chinese impressions has been written by the Chinese Sergeant, who was presented to Her Majesty as the representative of the Chinese detachment. The Chinese report is principally a rehearsal of parades, and the fact is mentioned that P. C. Dickson fainted in the Jubilee Procession. Referring to his presentation to the Queen he says:—I was to represent the Chinese, and the Prince of Wales instructed (instructed) me how to answer the Queen's questions, and I with others, was then presented to the Queen, who asked who I was and where I came from. Lord Roberts explained to Her Majesty what my medal was. I saluted and retired.' A performance at a Chinese theatre could not approach the Lyceum. He further states, 'I especially noticed the general good feeling and affability we met with from all classes of the people in England, from the Queen to the lowest that we met (contrasted this with treatment of foreigners in China by the people)..... I have seen more than could be learned by book reading in three or four years. Our bamboo hats were objects of great curiosity to the people, who said they had never seen anything of the kind.' The report concludes,—'Noted fact of Queen and four generations of direct line. I was invited by some private people to visit their houses and take tea, and went to Theatre with them; they would not allow me to pay.'

VARIOUS AT THE DOVER.—At Kowloon—City of Rio Pang, Zafiro, Pedro, Kahum.

At Anchor.—(None).

Outer Anchorage.—West Point.

W. Rotzoll & Co., Piano and Musical Instrument specialists and experts. Work shop and Agency, Duddell St., Show Rooms, Queen's Road Central.

POLLARD'S Lilliputians made a hit with 'The Mikado' at Singapore.

THE Douglas steamer *Haimun*, which arrived yesterday, lost two of her propeller blades up the coast. She has gone to dock for repairs.

MAJOR Pemberton, a former Commandant of the Hongkong Volunteer Corps, has been selected as second-in-command of the 2nd Battalion of the Rifle Brigade.

A MELANCHOLY occurrence took place on board the steamer *Machew* on the voyage from Bangkok to Hongkong. On August 31, the death took place of the infant son of Captain Farrell, aged 6 months 20 days.

A SON of the late Captain J. P. McEuen (Shanghai Police) is amongst the officers of the Highlanders who are being hurried up to Peshawur to take part in the campaign against the Indian border tribes.

THE Sanitary Board meeting has been postponed until to-morrow in consequence of the indisposition of Dr Atkinson, the President. At the Meeting to be held to-morrow at 4.30 p.m., the Medical Officer of Health will move: 'That the Sanitary Board desires to invite the attention of the Government to the circumstance that a bye-law relating to the obstruction of private streets was made by the Board on the 17th day of December, 1896, but failed to receive the approval of the Legislative Council. This bye-law was subsequently referred, by the Government, to the Insanitary Properties Commission and certain amendments, suggested by that Commission, were adopted by the Board, and a new bye-law was made on June 17, 1897, but has not yet received the approval of the Legislative Council. The Board is of the opinion that the matter is one of vital importance to the sanitary condition of the Colony, and especially the City of Victoria, and urges upon the Government the desirability of the bye-law being approved by the Legislative Council at as early a date as possible.'

AT the Magistracy to-day, before Mr H. E. Wodehouse, Police Magistrate, the director of a journeyman tailors' guild was charged with having, on 16th and 17th August, by means of threats, induced the employés of a master tailor to leave his employment. It was stated in evidence that the guild had issued a circular to the masters in which it was stated that a rule had been passed to prevent the masters employing more than two permanent men (apprentices); and in this shop, in consequence of the master employing four permanent men, the guild called upon the journeymen to abstain from work until he had reduced the number of permanent men within the regulations issued by the guild. The employé's were threatened that if they did not leave his service they would be beaten. Mr K. W. Mounsey, who appeared for the defence, said there was nothing to prevent any number of persons combining together, under the name of a guild or trades union, and to say they would not allow their members to work if a master tailor employed more than a certain number of permanent men. They were perfectly within their rights to combine together to keep up the market rate of wages, provided they proceeded in a legitimate way. There was nothing to prevent them sending round as many circulars as they liked amongst their own people, and by such means inducing them to come out on strike or refuse to work until the number of permanent men were reduced. If the object was carried too far, the remedy of the master workman was not to bring the case before his Worship, but to bring an action in another form in another Court to restrain the defendant from issuing circulars of that kind, or restrain them from going beyond their legitimate rights. There was no evidence of intimidation in the case. The only punishment that was threatened was that his men would be induced to leave. There were plenty of trades unions at home, and numerous cases on the subject. This question was formerly treated as a question of conspiracy, but as far back as thirty-six years ago trades unions were legalized, and workmen were permitted to join together for mutual protection, provided there was nothing malicious. There was no ill-feeling against this man, and it might be held if the case went before a civil court that his rights had been interfered with.—The Magistrate referred Mr Mounsey to Section 36 of Ordinance No. 4 of 1865, and said the defendant had distinctly committed a breach of the law. He was perfectly well aware it was quite within their rights to form any guild they chose, and they could make rules for the guidance of that guild, but they were not allowed to go beyond certain limits. It was not within their power to interfere with threats of violence or actual violence; it would be intolerable if a man was not allowed to conduct his business as he chose, simply because he refused to consent to certain rules passed by the guild. Whatever the law was elsewhere, the law in Hongkong was that no violence or threats of violence could be used in order to get a man to conform to the regulations of the guild against his will. He sentenced defendant to six weeks' imprisonment, with hard labour.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE 'CHINA MAIL.']

LONDON, 31st August, 1897.

GREECE AND THE POWERS.

The Greek reply to the Powers offers to assign the stamp revenue of eleven million drachmas as security for interest on the indemnity loan.

PRESIDENT FAURE'S RETURN TO PARIS.

President Faure, on his return to Paris, met with an enthusiastic reception. The addresses and speeches all dwell on the peaceful nature of the alliance with Russia. A bomb exploded harmlessly at the Madeleine just after the President had passed.

THE GERMAN PAPERS ON THE ALLIANCE.

Some of the German papers believe that Russia will bring France and Germany closer together, to the detriment of Great Britain.

(*Le Courrier d'Haiphong.*)

PRESIDENT FAURE IN RUSSIA.

PARIS, August 25.

M. Faure visited St. Petersburg yesterday. The crowd along the route was immense in spite of the rain, and the enthusiasm was delirious.

The Czar rejoined M. Faure at mid-day for the laying of the foundation of the Pont Troïtsky.

M. Faure received numerous deputations at the Winter Palace.

PARIS, August 26.

A brilliant review took place at Krasnoie-Selo in honour of M. Faure. At the dejeuner and dinner, M. Faure and the Czar exchanged cordial toasts to the armies and navies of the two countries.

ANOTHER PRESIDENT ASSASSINATED.

M. Borda, President of the Uruguay Republic has been assassinated, his assassin using a revolver. The murderer was arrested.

BRITISH FRONTIER DIFFICULTIES.

The British have had to abandon forts in the Peshawur district.

WEATHER NOTICE.

The following notice is issued from the Observatory:—

On the 2nd at 11.30 a.m. The barometer has risen in the extreme North, fallen on the China coast generally. Pressure is slightly low on the E. coast of China, still in moderate excess on the S. coast, and normal in the South. Forecast:—moderate S.W. winds; mostly fine, but probably some showers.

MEDICAL INSPECTION AT JAPAN.

INSPECTION SUSPENDED.

The following telegram is forwarded to us for publication:—

1st September, 1897.

Her Britannic Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires, Tokio, to His Excellency the Governor.

'Referring to telegram of 8th June, medical inspection ceased.'

(Sd.) LOWTHER.

The telegram of 8th June, 1897, is as follows:—

'Medical inspection enforced from June 7 against vessels from Formosa, Shanghai and other Chinese Ports to the South.'

A LIKIN station in the Siki district, in Changchowfu, near Amoy, was recently attacked by a gang of armed robbers and looted of $5,000. The head of the gang is a woman, who has been directing its operations with much skill. One of the robbers was captured, but the woman managed to escape.—*Mercury.*

It may interest stamp collectors to learn, on the authority of a French contemporary, that the new postage stamps for French Indo-China will probably be issued about the beginning of next year. The design, by a Saigon artist, is said to have been approved by the 'Inspector General of Fine Arts.'

WHILE two Europeans were conversing on the pavement opposite the Chartered Bank at Singapore on the 24th August, one of them had his pocket picked of bank notes of the value of $500 by a well-dressed Chinaman. Some natives who stood by observed the operations of the pickpocket and called the gentlemen's attention to it; whereupon the Chinaman, who had slipped the notes up the sleeve of his baju, threw them on the ground. He was, however, secured and given into custody.—*Free Press.*

THE Tientsin correspondent of the *Mercury* writes:—All kinds of rumours are flying about in connection with the supposed alliance of Great Britain with Japan, and it is stated that Russia has also cast in her lot with Germany and China. Of course, these, as I mention, are only rumours, and may or not be the case, but you are probably more 'in the know' than we are on the subject. At present the rumours appear to be founded upon the visit of the Chinese Ambassador to London on the occasion of the Jubilee to Count Cassini at St. Petersburg.

THE Nanking correspondent of the *N.-C. Daily News* writes on the 25th August:—The New College for the teaching of the English, French, German and Japanese languages was opened on the first of this month, in large commodious buildings situated in a quiet country district, between the military and naval colleges. It is to have 120 students divided into four departments, each of which will study one of the four languages mentioned above. The teacher of English is Mr J. R. Barclay, lately one of the Masters of the Diocesan School, Hongkong. The teacher of French is Mr Lan, son of the accountant of the Russo-Chinese Bank of your city. Unfortunately, Mr Lan was taken ill a few days after his arrival in the city and was obliged to return to Shanghai. The teacher of German and Japanese are to be Chinese who have been abroad. The Commissioner is Taotai Yang Chen-yi who was some time a student in the school at the Kiangnan Arsenal, and later connected with the Chinese Legation in London.

THE COLLISION AT GIBRALTAR.

THE 'GLENGYLE' RETURNS TO LONDON.

Messrs Jardine, Matheson and Co. write as follows:—

The owners of the *Glengyle*, Messrs Macgregor, Gow and Co., inform us that this steamer returns to London this week from Gibraltar, with her cargo partially damaged.

THE POLICE SCANDAL.

DISMISSAL OF DETECTIVE INSPECTOR STANTON.

This morning, Detective-Inspector Stanton, Chief of the Detective Service, was dismissed from the Police Force by order H. E. the Governor, for gross neglect of duty in failing to report a gambling house at No. 2 Wa Lane. The deposed officer has been over twenty-four years in the Police Force, and during that time has rendered distinguished service.

CHESS COLUMN.

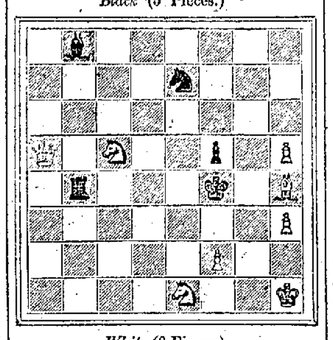
CONDUCTED BY 'BLACK BISHOP.'

☞ *Communications should be addressed,* 'CHESS,' CHINA MAIL OFFICE.

Original Problems should be accompanied by Solution and Analysis.

The Hongkong Chess Club meets every Monday, Thursday and Friday from four till half-past seven p.m. at Thomas's Grill Room.

Problem No. 57.
By JAN KOTEC.
Black (5 Pieces.)



White (8 Pieces.)

White to play and mate into two moves.

Solution to Problem No. 54 by Emile Pradignat.

1. Kt—Q Kt 3

Then if 1.	K×Kt	2. Kt—Q 2
1.	B—B 8	2. Kt—B 5
1.	B—Q 4	2. Kt—Q 2
1.	P×Kt	2. Q—R 8
1.	Kt moves	2. Kt—Kt 5

Solution to Problem No. 55 by P. Williams.

1. Kt—R 4

Then if 1.	P—Kt 6	2. Q—R 6
1.	Kt—Kt 6	2. Q×B
1.	B×B	2. Q×Q B
1.	B elsewhere	2. B×B
1.	P—Q 5	2. Q—Kt 5

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Hongkong, September 2.

We have been compelled to resign both the games with Singapore. It is merely human to seek to find excuses for defeat and to suggest they had a larger playing committee than we, that they gave longer consideration to their moves and so forth, but it seems most straight-forward to confess at once that Singapore played better than we did and have well earned their victory. I trust that it may be found possible to arrange a return match, and that we may do better next time.

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To-night begins another competition at the Chess Club. The competition will continue till October 28. Any member may play any other at Class odds, and each competitor may send in any number of games, the minimum being twelve. No two can play each other more than four times, and marks will be allotted in the usual manner, 1 for a win and ½ for a draw, each competitor's score being determined by the ratio of his marks to the number of games he has played. Thus a player who scores 9 out of 12 games played will be credited with 75 per cent, while a score of 11 out of 15 games will yield 73.3, so that it will be possible for one who has lost a game or two to compensate by winning extra games after he has played the minimum dozen, even, if he cares to do so, to the extent of putting in fifty games during the twenty-five days that the competition will continue.

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Mason's *Chess Openings* (Horace Cox, Bream's Buildings, E. C. 2/-) is a slender volume packed closely with reasoned explanations of the openings. The student of chess, if he only be so far advanced as to be capable of analysis one move deep, will find in this book explanations of all he needs to carry him safely past the first dozen moves of the game, while the advanced player will be delighted with the clearness and completeness with which the unsoundness of each gambit in turn is exposed. I referred to the book a month ago, but it well merits a more extended notice.

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The object set before him by the author of *Chess Openings* is not the usual one of supplying in a compactly tabulated form a vast mass of lines of play resulting from the various gambits, but rather to show concisely and clearly the ideas underlying each opening, the purpose contemplated, the advantage expected from the sacrifice offered and the reasons which lead the second player to accept or reject it. Hence, the book is far from being a compilation as even the best of its rivals must be, but rather a guide in exploring the columns which tell the three score or so of ways in which the first twelve moves of the Ruy Lopez have been played by leading masters.

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Take for example the Evans Gambit, to which Mr Mason devotes eight pages in which he follows out three lines, annotating fully practically every move after the capture of the gambit pawn, and explains that though theoretically the defence ought to win, yet the defence is extremely difficult, and to win Black will have a tedious fight, while all anxiety may be obviated by the simple device of declining the gambit by 4.....B—Kt 3 leaving White to follow a Giuoco method with his Queen's side pawns dislocated while if the gambit be accepted it is generally worth while to return the pawn speedily by 6.....P—Q 3 and escape into an even game.

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Altogether some seventy openings are set down, and, if thought worthy of it, thoroughly discussed. If not, the salient fault is pointed out, and the unsound play promptly passed over with a word of condemnation. The style of the book is perfect, with no obscurities or irrelevancies, and yet many gems of counsel of wider application than the particular positions in reference to which they are uttered. Altogether this work is indispensable to the student, and invaluable to the player. The following sentences selected at random will show how compactly Mr Mason can offer reliable and useful advice.

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'In the Giuoco who combines last combines best, the party first compelled to make a decisive movement having the balance of chances against him.'

'If you emerge from the opening with a distinctly unsatisfactory game, immediately begin to make for the draw.'

'If you have only a Pawn more than your opponent in an otherwise equal position, make straight for simplicity. Let that Pawn work for you.'

'Time is with the position admitting of the greater variation.'

'Do not play a good move too soon.'

'To an inexperienced player, 1.....P—Q 4 may be looked upon as a universally good move, for the general safety of the position, so far as decisive attack is concerned.'

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I think it well that the result of the match just concluded with Singapore should be placed on record in this column so subjoin it here. Hongkong telegraphed their resignation of both games on August 28.

Game No. 143.
Played in the Cable Match.
RUY LOPEZ.

White (Singapore).	Black (Hongkong).
1. P—K 4	P—K 4
2. Kt—K B 3	Kt—Q B 3
3. B—Kt 5	P—Q 3 (*a*)
4. P—Q 4	P×P
5. Kt×P	B—Q 2
6. Kt—Q B 3	Kt—B 3
7. P—B 4	B—K 2
8. Kt—B 3	Castles
9. Castles (*b*)	P—Q R 3
10. B—Q 3	R—K sq
11. P—Q Kt 3	P—K R 3 (*c*)
12. B—Kt 2	Kt—K Kt 5 (*d*)
13. Q—K sq	Kt—B 3
14. R—Q sq	P—Q Kt 4 (*e*)
15. P—K R 3	Kt—K R 2
16. Kt—Q 5 (*f*)	B—K 3 (*g*)
17. Q—B 3	B—B 3
18. Kt×B	Q×Kt
19. P—K 5	Q×B P
20. B×Kt ch.	K×B
21. Q×Kt	Q—Kt 6
22. Kt—R 2	P—Q 4
23. R—K B 3	Q—Kt 4
24. R—Q 3	K R—Q sq

(*a*) This appears to be a needless anticipation, depriving Black of the option of playing the Pawn two squares at once.

(*b*) White has opened well, whereas Black has a very cramped position.

(*c*) Apparently with a view to Kt—R 2. Black's badly placed Q P is hampering his development.

(*d*) A foolish move after P—R 3.

(*e*) P—Q 4 here would have relieved the cramped centre, and opened out a counter attack.

(*f*) Opening simultaneously two strong attacks direct and diagonal, and winning the Kt at B 3.

(*g*) This loses the game, for it is hopeless after the loss of the piece.

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Game No. 144.
Played in the Cable Match.
GIUOCO PIANO.

White (Hongkong.)	Black (Singapore.)
1. P—K 4	P—K 4
2. Kt—KB 3	Kt—QB 3
3. B—B 4	B—B 4
4. P—QB 3	Kt—KB 3
5. P—Q Kt 4 (*a*)	B—K 2
6. P—Q 3	P—Q 4
7. P×P	Kt×P
8. Castles	Castles
9. R—K sq	B—B 3
10. P—Q Kt 5	Kt—K 4
11. Kt×P	R—K sq
12. P—B 4	B×Kt
13. R×B	Kt×B
14. P×Kt	Kt—Q Kt 3
15. Q—K 2	B—K 3
16. Kt—R 3	Q—Q 2
17. B—K 3	P—K B 3
18. B—K 4	B—Kt 5
19. R×R ch.	R×R
20. Q—KB 2	Kt×P (*b*)
21. Kt×Kt	Q—Q 6
22. Kt—K 5	P×Kt
23. P×P	R×P
24. Q—R 4 (*c*)	Q×B ch

Resigns.

(*a*) P—Q 4 seems much stronger. The text move dislocates the Queen's side pawns to a serious extent a dozen moves later.

(*b*) White cannot possibly retain the Knight thus given him, but has still drawing chances.

(*c*) This move can only be accounted for on the theory that the Hongkong Committee misplaced the position. It throws away a drawn game.

FINANCIAL CRISIS AT SHANGHAI.

THE BANKS AND THE SILVER SPECULATORS.

It is fortunate that the foreign banks have been able to come to an arrangement with the Chinese speculators in exchange. Although we have no sympathy with the losers in the game it is one which has been growing in dimensions of late years, and the banks have undoubtedly assisted in it if not encouraged its growth. As long as exchange was only subject to ordinary fluctuation it partook much of the nature of speculators' dealings in dollars or in iron or cotton warrants, and has more or less an inevitable subgrowth of healthy trade. There did not seem at the time any reason for the sudden collapse of the silver market. It was not heralded by any of the ordinary prognostics which generally herald a change, and even the last market advices which arrived by last mail up to the 25th July did not convey a hint that there was anything more than usually precarious in the position of silver. We are indeed still left in doubt as to the immediate causes which led to the sudden collapse, and till we know more of it we can scarcely form a better surmise than we have already done. It was no doubt in some way connected with the refusal of the U. S. Senate to adopt the mild suggestion of President McKinley, and still more with the sudden tergiversation of the latter, displayed in the tone of his last message to Congress. President McKinley, it was known, was himself in the highest degree ignorant of the important issues contained in the demand for a revision of the currency laws, his pretended accession to which had secured his return to power, and it was this feeling more than any action of the Senate that seems to have led on to what seems to have amounted to little less than a panic. Here in Shanghai the holding of the Chinese speculators to their bargain would have ended in the utter collapse of trade, and it was this feeling, and not any tenderness for the individuals which led the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank to lead the way in effecting a compromise. But although bankruptcy has been for the moment averted it cannot be said that the situation is without danger. This is indicated by the general collapse of trade which has been the distinguishing feature of the last ten days. The share market as the most susceptible has been the first to feel the blow, the trade generally has commenced to stagnate and unless something occurs to cause a revival Shanghai may find another hard time upon it before long.—*Shanghai Free Press.*

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE BOXING TOURNAMENT.

To the Editor of the 'CHINA MAIL.'

Hongkong, Sept. 2, 1897.

DEAR SIR,—With regard to the Boxing Entertainment which I see advertised for Saturday next at the City Hall, and which I feel sure will be well patronised, may I be permitted to make one or two suggestions to the Promoters.

1.—The programme, in my opinion, as at present arranged, is far too long to be got through satisfactorily in one evening, and will simply grow wearisome. Of course it is probable that several of the Competitors will give up before the end of the advertised number of rounds when they find they are overmatched, but even discounting the programme in this way, the audience will have a surfeit, especially seeing that there is nothing but Boxing in the *menu*.

2.—Would it not be advisable to arrange for the contest between Staff Sergeant Cusack (Army) and J. Northcott (Navy) the *pièce de résistance* of the evening—to be decided in the middle of the programme this time, instead of at the end, which, as far as one can judge, will be midnight at least,—and thus enable people who live out of town to catch the last tram and launch? Besides, the condition of the men themselves is not improved by having to wait so long in suspense! The other items will doubtless be very good, at least some of them particularly Pearson's display, but this catch weight contest is what people will go chiefly to see, and it must be remembered the Theatre is not a particularly cool place to spend three hours in at this season.

With regard to this special competition—Army *v.* Navy—it is a pity there is such a disparity in weight and height—the Navy man giving a stone-and-a-half at least to the splendidly-built soldier, but the development of each man is a sight worth seeing, and it will be found that the sailor has a heart of oak, is practically ironclad, and has wonderful activity, thus equalising matters to a great extent; and if this affair is carried out in as good-natured and disciplined a way as the last, with none of the prize-fighting nonsense so common in these days, the audience will be more than pleased. Simply to watch the two men boxing round for an opening, after a rally, ready to spring in like a cat on to a bird when the eye has telegraphed the opportunity to the mind, and the mind to the muscles, has a stimulating effect on those who understand the game! The men get themselves into such a condition that punishment has apparently little or no effect on them, and this is a pleasing feature to humane spectators, as they can then interest themselves more in the trial of silk and strength.

Just a last little suggestion—that is, that a 'spray' from Watson & Co. will be of more utility and more agreeable in reviving 'blown' competitors than the disgusting system employed at the last affair.'

Anticipating an interesting evening,—I am, Dear Sir, Yours faithfully,

SELF DEFENCE.

MUSIC IN HONGKONG.

To the Editor of the 'CHINA MAIL.'

Hongkong, Sept. 2.

SIR,—That the nuisance of unintelligent and aimless piano-playing in the Colony is wide-spread and deep-rooted, is unmistakably evidenced by the unanimity of Correspondents who have written to you on the subject. I am inclined to think, considering the small number of people of European blood (exclusive of military and naval folk), that Hongkong boasts more pianos, without naming any other instruments of musical torture, than any other place of the same size. And yet, on the front page of your issue, one firm actually advertises sixty more *en route*! Mercy on us! This crusade must be wholly useless against such confident enterprise. Our dogs are taxed; why not our pianos? When next the Colonial Treasurer wishes to raise a bigger revenue, he might bear this in mind. Pianos are certainly a luxury, and to many others than the owners, an expensive one too. Few people out here, I imagine, would object to a fairly heavy tax on them.

Speaking of the length of time which some people spend at the piano, I had one middle-aged executant carefully timed yesterday. She began at half-past eight in the morning—much later than usual—and went on, with short intervals for rest and refreshment, till dinner-time; the total time she was at the piano was between eight and nine hours, which, considering the trying nature of the weather and the fact also that all windows and doors are thrown wide open, was a fair performance. The repertoire included nigger songs, drawing-room ditties, a march, a gavotte, a few minor operatic airs, the painful spelling out note by note, and phrase by phrase, of one of the easier of Mendelssohn's *Lieder ohne Worte*, and, when she was tired, scales. If that is not variety enough on which to feed a weary soul, I don't know what is. The lady's style is wholly devoid of anything but the most tedious mechanism. Feeling or sympathy are utterly absent. She simply kills her time—and her neighbour's. Oh! the bitter irony of it! When we meet in the street she smiles, and I raise my hat, in duty bound! I have come to the sad but inevitable conclusion that she does not read the *China Mail*. I wish some one would send her recent copies. I think she would recognise her roughly stumped-in portrait; although I honestly fancy no one else would. Candidly speaking, a street-piano would be far more interesting to listen to: it, at least, gives correct notes, goes straight through its list of airs, and keeps rigid time—provided the handle be turned with due feeling! For a brief period, towards evening, there were going simultaneously, all within distinct hearing, four pianos—two hackneyed waltzes, one well-known polka, and the carefully thrashed out *tum tum, tum tum* accompaniment of a modern song; a most excruciating singing lesson, a musical box, a violin sadly out of tune, a lugubrious flute, a banjo, and an occasional bugle; the staccato thrumming of a Chinese stringed instrument, the shrill tootling piccolo of a native vendor of olives, and the melancholy sing-song of a local rag-and-bone man—*mái lán t'ung lán t'it, lán po li lán hó*—as well as the deafening screaming and shouting of a rabble of workmen, women and children on their way home, at the end of the day, added a touch of Eastern picturesqueness to it all. Bedlam and Babel combined could scarcely beat it. The din wanted but the discordant bray of an ass to make it complete; and that came later on, when an individual with a voice that would have won him a post as town-crier, or made his instant and lasting reputation as a fish-hawker, struggled long and laboriously with the music of 'The Wolf.' How the man did murder that delightful song. One felt it a positive boon when he had reached the end of it. He, too, like the coolie described in a previous letter, would be a first-rate addition to Phil May's 'Songs and their Singers.' And yet his efforts were highly appreciated by a somewhat numerous and mixed audience, for the softened sound of carefully-regulated applause drifted down the twilit air to me where I lay a long-suffering much chastened martyr. Talk about the conventional lies of modern civilisation, surely the applause given to most of the songs, and much of the music one hears in this place, is one of the blackest and most despicable of such damnable untruths. It is the utterly false encouragement of this kind which acts like a powerful compost on the fallow and shallow conceit of many of our amateur musicians. I have seen a man with actually neither voice nor training, stand up before a representative crowd of people, and with all the assurance of a Sandley or a Maas go through really difficult music in the most shocking manner, winning encores and hand-clapping, when he should have been considerately but unhesitatingly hooted. This inordinate, and, to me, inexplicable desire to pose as a musician, on the part of certain people who are physically disqualified, is one of these latter-day forms of charlatanry which are at once so rampant, so shameless, and so objectionable.

I have a friend who is wholly deprived of the sense of smell. A violet or a rose, to him, only appeals to his sense of colour and form. He always envies me when he sees me enjoying the bouquet of a fragrant flower. Some time ago, I passed a man in the busiest part of Queen's Road; a look of unruffled calm was on his face, and a smile of ineffable content was about his mouth. The polyglot hurly-burly usual to the thoroughfare was about him as a heavy garment, and yet it troubled him not. I heard afterwards he was stone-deaf. My envy of that man exceeded even that of my senseless friend of me. O! the blessedness of utter quiet. As *Innubibus* says, it used to be found at the Peak: it never will be again—at least, not till the celebrated Toad-stone has reached its fabled journey's end and rests on the Peak itself.

In my lonely peregrinations about the roads and byways of the island, it has oftet occurred to me when listening to the harrowing punishment mercilessly inflicted on the worn-out instruments in certain humble quarters where only such instruments are found, that the carefully-written history of a $500 Collard and Collard would be far more exciting than that of the thoroughbred horse, which begins its career by winning a Derby and ends in the knacker's yard. Shakspeare's Seven Ages of Man would be dull and flaccid beside it. I give the idea for what it is worth; some of the more ambitious of your readers may care to develop the theme.—Truly yours,

QUIETUS.

AGENCIES ABROAD FOR BRITISH MERCHANTS.

It has long been the complaint of British merchants and manufacturers that they are unable to find agents who will represent them sufficiently well abroad to keep pace with the competition of foreign houses. Whilst there is, of course, much—very much—to be learned from the reports of British Consuls and also the reports of foreign Consuls, which are analysed and summarised in our columns, it is beyond all doubt that the British merchant has to look much more to the ability and energy of his agent abroad than to any other source. But the difficulty of the existing situation is that so few British merchants and manufacturers are able to find in the countries with which they would fain do business, and for which their products are perhaps peculiarly fitted, gentlemen or firms who will adequately represent them, and who might secure for them that share of commerce which seems to be fast passing away from the British to the German, French, Belgian, or American grasp.

Recognising the difficulties of our traders in this respect, and having had very ample experience of foreign organisation and enterprise, we have made a special effort, and are now in a position to more or less introduce British houses at home to those abroad who will satisfactorily represent them. Naturally, this work entails upon us a great and growing responsibility, but we feel that the exigencies of British foreign trade are such that we need shrink at no obstacle to its advancement. Besides, the advancement of British trade abroad is one of the objects-in-chief of the Trades' Intelligence Office which is allied to and is under the auspices of, this Journal; but to ensure that our readers are introduced only to gentlemen or firms of responsibility and credit, we take all possible steps to verify their position. For this purpose we always require two or three references, and it is to be hoped that our subscribers, to whom alone this privilege is extended, will appreciate the efforts we make in their behalf. If a home or colonial firm desires to extend or open up trade in any particular country abroad, its principals have only to communicate with us, and we undertake, in due course, to introduce a thoroughly responsible and representative firm who will accept an agency in whatsoever trade. By almost every morning's mail we are in receipt of many communications from houses who, owing perhaps to the growth of foreign competition, have lately sent, or propose to send, travellers round the world, or to this or that country, to pick up business. Our experience teaches us that such a step is largely unnecessary and unfruitful. If foreign competition is to be met and kept pace with, permanent agents, knowing the language and customs and laws of the countries in which they reside, must be appointed, and with this course of reasoning all British merchants and traders will, we feel convinced, have eventually to agree. Travellers, however, are of course in many instances not only desirable but necessary, and, being so, we shall be happy to communicate to our subscribers all information, obtained from private or Consular sources, as might facilitate the work of British commercial travellers abroad, showing just what countries should be visited, and so forth. Such an effort is not to be lightly undertaken; nor, we would assure our readers, is it to be lightly availed of. We know the requirements of the times from long study and experience, and are prepared, so far as we are able, to meet them; but such suggestions as we have to make, privately or otherwise, must be readily acted upon if good results are to be obtained. We are always open, and generally prefer, to advise any firm by letter in the first instance, and it is to be hoped that the facilities we now can offer in this respect will continue to be increasingly appreciated.—*The Consular Journal and Greater Britain.*

BAD for Either Winter or Summer Wear.—To be wrapped in self-importance.

A SMALL company of fishermen were seated in a Cardiff hostelry. They were telling fish stories.

'The most exciting day's sport I ever had' said one of the company, an American, 'was when I was off Labrador. I was with two others; each had two rods, and we were simply pulling out fish as fast as ever we could put in our lines. I forgot,' he added, in a thoughtful mood, 'what those fish were.'

'Whales!' suggested an Englishman, with an attempt to be sarcastic.

'Whales!' said the Yankee, with a deprecatory wave of his hand; 'why, man, we were fishing with whales.'

THE WOOSUNG-SHANGHAI RAILWAY.

Shanghai, Aug. 28.

The construction of the railway line from Woosung to Shanghai has already made considerable progress, in accordance with plans that were completed and approved some time ago, an inspection of which has been kindly permitted us. Indeed, the work of construction has so far advanced that the engineers look forward to the line being opened for traffic early next spring. Already the lot appropriated to the terminal station at Woosung has been cleared, and considerable progress has been made in the building of a locomotive house and workshops, the station house and warehouse for goods traffic; the site being close on the river embankment and almost immediately behind the buildings formerly known as the French godowns, and, therefore, within a very short distance of the Harbour Master's station. It will therefore be a very convenient position for receiving railway material of all sorts that has been contracted for in Europe and America. When fully completed the Woosung station will occupy a very extensive area, as the railway scheme embraces the erection at some future period of a grand system of wharves and godowns, both to the north and south of the station site, to which branch lines will run so as to facilitate the transport of cargo landed from vessels. The wharves and godowns to the north are intended to receive cargo discharged from ocean-going steamers, will extend from the Woosung Creek to the forts, and the wharves will be bunded out into a sufficient depth of water for deep draught steamers to lie alongside. To reach these wharves the branch line from the Woosung station will circuit round the town of Woosung, so that no native houses will be interfered with, and for this purpose all the requisite land has already been acquired. The wharves and godowns to the south will be situated above the Harbour Master's station, and clear of the Bar channel. They will be devoted to river and coasting steamers whose lighter draught will enable them to make use of these wharves, while the branch line to them will run direct from the main station. To the north of the station site, and extending as far as the Woosung Creek, will be a line of wharves for the landing of cargo from native craft, and this wharfage will also take in part of the south bank of the Creek. But all this will take place in the distant future, and in the meantime, the Woosung station will be made available for the more immediate traffic of the local line to Shanghai, and for the housing of locomotives, rolling stock, etc.

The line is to be of the English standard gauge of 4ft. 8½in., and as this is much broader than that of the railway laid down from Shanghai to Woosung some years ago under foreign auspices, it necessitates frequent alterations of the old roadway, as the curves which would answer for the narrow gauge will not always do for the broader gauge. It is, for the present, to be a single line railway, but the road will be prepared and the bridges and culverts arranged so that it can be converted into a double line whenever necessary. After leaving the Woosung station the line closely follows the old roadway until the market town of Kiang-wan is reached, and as a station is to be built at this place it has been found necessary to leave the old line so as to secure a straight run into the Kiangwan station, the site of which is considerably on the Shanghai side of the town. Soon after passing this station the line joins the old roadway again and follows it so far as practicable until the point is reached, about a mile and a-half from the Settlement, just before a broad creek is crossed by what is generally known to foreigners as the 'black' bridge. From this point the line will take a more easterly direction, and the above creek will be crossed by a bridge much more to the east than the 'black' bridge, and then the line will take a broad sweep to the eastward, altogether leaving the course of the old roadway, which from that point up to the Settlement will be quite useless, either for the railway or for foot-passenger traffic, but it appears that this is quite unavoidable as it is absolutely necessary that a straight run into the Shanghai station should be secured. This station will be situated immediately outside the boundary of the Hongkew Settlement and not far westward from the North Honan Road, and will lie nearly due east and west. According to the plans that have already been prepared, this station will be of great extent, as it will eventually not only be used for passenger traffic from Woosung to Soochow and Nanking, but will have to receive the large goods traffic which it is expected will be established between Woosung and Shanghai. Besides this, it is contemplated to build a branch line from the main station to the neighbourhood of the mills and factories on the river bank, so that the products of these establishments can find convenient carriage into the interior. As the goods traffic is eventually to be kept quite distinct from passenger traffic, it is necessary to make provision for the proper accommodation of both, and for these reasons the Shanghai station for passengers and goods, with all the necessary engine houses, etc., and signal stations for approaches on either side, will occupy a space fully 2,000 yards in length, the land for which has already been acquired and the plans made. But as the development of all this will take some considerable time, it is proposed to adapt only a portion of the station site in length about 850 yards, to the necessities of traffic from Woosung, in the first instance, one platform being made to do duty for both passengers and goods. When the line is extended to Soochow and Nanking and the goods traffic from Woosung is more fully developed, the Shanghai station will be extended, in accordance with the plans arranged, to meet the enlarged business to be done in goods and passenger traffic, and then the passenger platforms will be entirely distinct from the goods platforms.

As will be seen from what has been stated above, the old roadway has served the purpose for laying the new line for the most part, except for the approach to the Shanghai station, a distance, with the necessary curve, of about a mile. And we are given to understand, on the best authority, that all this land has been acquired at reasonable and special rates, in no case exceeding Tls. 200 per *mow* for the more valuable land close to the Settlement, while for land somewhat distant from the Settlement considerably lower prices have been paid. Where the line closely approaches the Shanghai station site it runs through a native village, which it was impossible to avoid, and this is the only instance in the construction of the line where dwelling houses have been interfered with. The authorities had some difficulty in settling matters with the owners of the doomed habitations, but matters have been satisfactorily settled and the railway authorities are in possession of all the land requisite to complete the line.—*N.-C. Daily News.*

SEN.—'Do you believe in a spelling bee, or are you unattached?' MR.—'Neither. I'm married.'

Notices to Consignees.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE S.S. *Catherine Apcar* arrived having from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after 4 p.m. of the 3rd Instant, will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense into the Godowns of the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED, at Wanchai.

Consignees of Cargo from SINGAPORE and PENANG are requested to take IMMEDIATE delivery of their Goods from alongside; such Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, September 1, 1897. 1750

FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship *Hertha*, Captain JAEGER, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the Undersigned, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 3 p.m. TO-DAY.

Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be landed into the Godowns of the HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., LD., and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 9th Inst., will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 9th Instant, at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

SIEMSSEN & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, September 1, 1897. 1744

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COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE.

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Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before NOON, TO-DAY (TUESDAY), requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

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All Claims must be sent in to me on or before TUESDAY, the 14th September, or they will not be recognised.

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Hongkong, September 2, 1897. 1718

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Hongkong, August 28, 1897. 1725

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Hongkong, September 1, 1897. 1745

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Hongkong, September 1, 1896. 1743

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Hongkong, August 23, 1897. 1680

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Hongkong, August 31, 1897. 1734

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

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Hongkong, August 28, 1897. 1726

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Hongkong, September 2, 1897. 1752

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Hongkong, September 2, 1897. 1629

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Hongkong, August 28, 1897. 1649

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Hongkong, August 31, 1897. 1741

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Hongkong, August 30, 1897. 1699

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS.

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Hongkong, August 16, 1897. 1632

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Hongkong, September 1, 1897. 1723

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Hongkong, August 30, 1897. 1729

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Hongkong, June 16, 1897. 1212

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Olympia.....	2,[illegible]	[illegible]esday...	Sept. 28.
Columbia....	2,605	Tuesday...	Oct. 19.
Tacoma.....	2,549	Tuesday...	Nov. 9.
Victoria.....	3,167	Tuesday...	Nov. 30.
Olympia.....	2,008	Tuesday...	Dec. 21.

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Hongkong, August 18, 1897. 1644

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Prinz Heinrich	Tuesday...	January 4.

ON TUESDAY, the 14th day of Sept., 1897, at 9 a.m., the Company's S.S. *PRINZ HEINRICH*, Captain CLIPPERS, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this port as above, *calling at* NAPLES and GENOA.

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Hongkong, August 31, 1897. 1618

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Hongkong, August 27, 1897. 1721

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„ Ame. Sugar cured	„	300	—	花旗烟猪肉
„ Foochow,	„	—	—	福州烟猪肉
„ Japan, cured	„	—	—	日本烟猪肉
Beef sirloin & prime cut.	catty	140	—	尾龍扒
„ Corned,	catty	140	—	鹹牛肉
„ Roast,	„	130	—	燒牛肉
„ Soup,	„	100	—	湯肉
„ Steak,	„	120	—	牛肉扒
Bullock's Brains,	per set	60	50	牛腦
„ Tongue fresh,	each	250	—	牛脷
„ „ corned	„	310	—	鹹牛脷
„ Head,	„	600	—	牛頭
„ Heart,	„	150	—	牛心
„ Hump, Salt	catty	140	—	牛肩
„ Feet,	each	60	50	牛腳
„ Kidneys,	„	50	—	牛腰
„ Tail,	„	100	—	牛尾
„ Liver,	catty	70	—	牛肝
„ Tripe (undressed)	catty	60	50	牛肚
Calves Head and Feet,	set	500	—	牛仔頭腳
Hams, American,	lb.	320	—	花旗火腿
„ Chinese,	„	260	—	金華火腿
„ English, New,	„	440	—	來路火腿
„ Japan cured,	„	350	—	日本火腿
„ Shanghai,	„	250	—	上海火腿
Mutton Chop,	„	160	—	羊脾骨
„ Leg,	„	160	—	羊髀
„ Shoulder,	„	120	—	羊手
Pigs' Chitlings,	catty	70	60	猪臟
„ Feet,	„	110	—	猪腳
„ Fry,	„	160	—	猪雜
„ Head,	each	500	450	猪頭
„ Heart,	„	50	40	猪心
„ Kidneys,	pair	70	—	猪腰
„ Liver,	lb.	160	—	猪肝
Pork, Chop,	catty	180	—	猪脾骨
„ Corned,	„	—	—	鹹猪肉
„ Leg,	„	190	—	猪髀
„ Fat or Lard,	„	150	—	猪油
Sheeps' Head and Feet,	set	350	—	羊頭腳
„ Heart,	each	50	40	羊心
„ Kidneys,	„	70	—	羊腰
„ Liver,	lb.	150	140	羊肝
Sucking Pigs,	each	$1.75	$1.25	猪仔
Suet, Beef,	lb.	110	—	生牛油
„ Mutton,	„	100	—	生羊油
Veal,	catty	130	—	牛仔肉
Poultry.				生口
Chicken,	catty	220	—	鷄仔
Capons,	„	260	—	騸鷄
Ducks,	„	140	—	鴨
Doves,	each	—	—	斑鳩
Eggs, Hen	doz.	120	—	鷄蛋
„ Duck	„	110	—	鴨蛋
Fowls,	catty	190	—	鷄
Geese,	„	160	—	鵝
Hares,	each	—	—	兎仔
Musk Deer,	„	—	—	黃麖
Partridges,	„	—	—	鷓鴣
Pigeons,	„	150	—	白鴿
Pheasant,	brace	—	—	上海山鷄
Rice Birds,	doz.	—	—	禾花雀
Quail	each	—	—	鵪鶉
Snipe,	„	180	—	沙錐
Turkeys, Cock,	catty	600	—	火鷄公
„ Hen,	„	800	—	火鷄乸
Teal,	each	—	—	水鴨
Wild Ducks,	pair	—	—	上海水鴨
Fish.				海鮮
Barbel,	catty	200	—	[illegible]
Bream,	„	80	—	鯿魚
Bombay Ducks,	100 pieces	—	—	孟咪魚
C'ton Fresh Water Fish,	catty	—	—	[illegible]
Carp,	„	80	—	鯉魚
Catfish,	„	—	—	赤魚
Codfish, Salt,	„	80	—	鹹[illegible]魚
Crabs,	„	160	—	蟹
Cuttle Fish,	„	100	—	墨魚
Dab,	„	60	—	沙盃魚
Dace,	„	80	—	黃尾鯪
Dog Fish,	„	[illegible]	—	吠仔沙
Eels, Congor,	„	—	—	海鰻
„ Fresh water,	„	200	—	淡水[illegible]
Eels, Yellow,	„	180	—	黃鱔
File Fish,	„	—	—	[illegible]
Frogs,	„	250	—	田鷄
Fresh Fish,	„	80	—	鮮魚
Garoupa,	„	260	—	石斑
Gudgeon,	„	90	—	白鱠魚
Gurnard,	„	80	—	紅魚
Herrings,	„	110	—	曹白
„ smoked	box	—	—	[illegible]
Halibut,	catty	180	—	[illegible]
Labrus,	„	110	—	[illegible]
Loach,	„	140	—	[illegible]
Lobsters,	„	160	—	[illegible]
Mackerel,	„	—	—	[illegible]
Mon Fish,	„	260	—	[illegible]
Mullet,	„	140	—	[illegible]
Oysters,	„	—	—	[illegible]
Perch,	„	200	—	[illegible]
Perch,	„	140	—	[illegible]
Pike,	catty	—	—	花[illegible]
Plaice,	„	—	—	[illegible]魚
Pomfret, White	„	160	—	白鯧
Pomfret, Black	„	140	—	黑鯧
Prawns,	„	250	—	明蝦
Ray,	„	50	—	琵琶沙
Rock Fish,	„	90	80	石狗公
Roach,	„	—	—	[illegible]魚
Salmon, (Canton),	„	250	—	馬友魚
Shark,	„	50	—	鯊魚
Salt Fish,	„	100	—	鹹魚
Skate,	„	50	—	鯆魚
Shrimps,	„	140	—	蝦
Snapper,	„	220	—	立魚
Soles,	„	160	—	撻沙魚
Tench,	„	—	—	鯇魚
Turbot,	„	140	—	左口魚
Turtles, small, fresh water,	„	350	—	脚魚
Whiting,	catty	70	—	長魚
White Bait,	„	90	—	銀魚仔
Fruits.				菓子
Apples, (California),	catty	170	—	金山平菓
„ (Tientsin),	„	100	—	天津平菓
„ (Japan),	„	—	—	日本平菓
Bananas, fragrant,	„	30	—	省城香蕉
„ (brides),	„	40	—	山香蕉
Chestnuts, Chinese,	„	150	—	風栗
Carambola,	„	80	—	楊桃
Cocoanuts,	each	50	—	椰子
Ground Nuts,	catty	90	—	花生
Grapes,	„	—	—	鮮提子
Lemons, China,	„	100	—	檸檬
„ Peel,	„	—	—	橘餅
Lichees, Dried,	„	300	—	荔枝乾
„ Fresh,	„	—	—	荔枝
Limes,	„	—	—	檸檬
Mango, (Saigon),	each	—	—	安南芒菓
„ (Manila),	„	—	—	呂宋芒
Mangosteen,	dozen	—	—	山竹子
Oranges, Sweet,	catty	—	—	新會甜橙
„ Green,	„	50	—	青橙
„ Red,	„	—	—	紅橙
Olives,		—	—	白欖
Pine-apples,	each	60	—	本地菠蘿
Pears,	catty	50	—	沙梨
„ (Tientsin),	„	—	—	天津雪梨
Plum, Red,	„	—	—	紅李
Pumelo,	each	80	—	[illegible]柚
„ (Siam),	catty	150	—	暹羅柚
Peach, (Sweet),	„	—	—	[illegible]桃
Raisins, Muscatel,	„	—	—	[illegible]
„ Pudding,	„	—	—	[illegible]
Water Chesnuts, com.	„	40	—	馬蹄
„ Mandarin,	„	60	—	桂林馬蹄
Walnuts,	„	120	—	合桃
Vegetables, &c.				菜蔬
Artichokes, Shanghai,	catty	—	—	上海丫治竹
Beans, (French),	„	—	—	佛蘭西[illegible]
„ Long,	„	40	—	豆角
Beet Root,	each	20	—	紅菜頭
Brinjals, Green,	catty	30	—	青茄[illegible]
„ Red,	„	30	—	紅茄
Brassica,	„	30	—	白菜
Bamboo Shoots,	„	70	—	竹筍
Cabbage, Chinese com.	„	30	—	[illegible]菜
Cabbage,	each	100	—	椰菜
Cauliflower,	„	—	—	椰菜花
Carrots,	catty	120	—	金筍
Celery, Chinese,	„	140	—	唐芹菜
„ English,	„	—	—	洋芹菜
Chilies Dried,	„	130	—	辣椒乾
„ Red,	„	60	—	紅辣椒
Curry Stuff, English,	„	50	—	[illegible]
Cucumbers,	„	40	—	青瓜
Bitter Squash,	„	30	—	苦瓜
Garlic,	„	40	—	蒜頭
Ginger, young,	„	50	—	新子薑
Horse Radish, S'hai,	„	120	—	[illegible]
Indian Corn,	piece	—	—	粟米
Lettuce, (English),	each	10	—	洋生菜
Mushrooms, Fresh,	catty	—	—	生草菇
Onions, Bombay,	„	60	—	洋葱頭
„ Green,	„	30	—	生葱
„ Shanghai,	„	50	—	上海葱頭
„ Japan,	„	40	—	日本葱頭
Okroes,	„	60	—	毛茄
Parsley, English,	bundle	10	—	洋芫荽
Potatoes, Sweet,	catty	20	—	番薯仔
„ Shanghai,	„	30	—	上海薯仔
„ Japan,	„	30	—	日本薯仔
„ American,	„	—	—	花旗薯仔
„ Foochow,	„	—	—	福州薯仔
„ Macao,	„	30	—	澳門薯仔
Pumpkin,	„	20	—	番瓜
Purslane,	„	5	4	[illegible]仔菜
Papaw,	„	25	20	木瓜
Radish,	dozen	30	—	紅蘿蔔仔
Rice, best quality, per picul,		$4.50		上白米
„ Common	„	$4.10		中白米
Shalots,	catty	60	—	[illegible]
Spinage, (Chinese)	„	—	—	[illegible]
Spinach,	„	40	—	[illegible]
Snake Gourd,	„	40	—	[illegible]
Tomatoes,	„	50	—	[illegible]
Taros,	„	20	15	[illegible]
Turnips, Punti, (Long),	„	30	—	[illegible]
Vegetable Marrow,	„	40	—	[illegible]
„ „ ([illegible])		—	—	[illegible]
Water Cress,	„	10	—	[illegible]

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Assistant Inspector of Markets.

SENT TO CRICKETERS.

'No better proof of the continued increase of public interest in cricket can be found than in the messages which reach popular players even on the field,' remarked a famous county player to the writer. 'These communications emanate from all parts of the country, and are generally from unknown individuals. Not long back, at Bristol, John Board, the Gloucestershire wicket-keeper, received a wire saying, "Good luck to you. Give it beans," and signed, "Coventry." Curiously enough, at the same place last year, he was sent an exactly similar telegram, and on both occasions he scored over one hundred runs. As to the sender of these singular wires, he has no idea. Both Robert Abel and Prince Ranjitsinhji receive shoals of messages proffering congratulations and even advice; and Mr W. G. Grace has probably been favoured in this way more than any other cricketer living. One of the funniest was a letter written evidently by a little boy, who stated that his father was going to take him to see the match, and would Mr Grace please make a big score. I believe the Doctor did make a 'big score' on the following day, and his young admirer was doubtless gratified. A well-known professional, whose name I will not divulge, once got a letter promising him twenty pounds if he succeeded in 'topping the century' in a certain match. The player looked upon it as a hoax, especially as the communication was unsigned; but it happened that he fulfilled the condition, and was agreeably surprised to receive a few days after the match an envelope containing a Bank of Englnd note for the sum promised. He never learnt the reason or the giver's name.'—*Cassell's Saturday Journal* for August.

THE AUSTRIAN EMPEROR.

Francis Joseph I., Emperor and King, is a man of great intellect and strength of mind, a lover of all that is most beautiful in Nature and art, a soldier of the utmost intrepidity, as he has on more than one occasion proved by his personal bravery in the field of battle; a diplomatist and statesman of deep thought and foresight, a votary to sport of every kind, a sovereign with a heart that beats as truly for the lowliest of his subjects as for the highest, a kind master, a sincere friend. Many are the anecdotes in illustration of these questions, but space allows me to mention only a few for the truth of which I can vouch. One day the Emperor encountered two poachers on his own domain. As soon as they recognised their sovereign, they threw themselves on their knees to entreat his pardon. They were both old soldiers and fathers of large families who had suffered greatly through the agricultural depression, and in their need they had yielded to the temptation to procure sustenance by poaching. Francis Joseph allowed them to depart, only taking their names and addresses. In terror and fear they awaited their arrest and sentence, but after a few days they were notified of their appointment as gamekeepers to the Emperor, the latter having ascertained the truth of their statements, and found that they had bravely served him through the sanguinary war of 1866. One stormy and rainy day when the Emperor was driving to Schönbrunn, he came upon a fire-engine unable to proceed on its way to a conflagration through the wheels having sunk so deeply into the mire that the horses had not strength enough to extricate it. He at once stopped his carriage, ordered his horses to be taken out and harnessed to the engine and used to assist in bringing it to the site of the fire, whilst for himself he hired a hackney conveyance and drove to his destination. That he refused for years to sign warrants for judicial executions is well known, and his deeds of benevolence are innumerable. During the outbreak of cholera he visited personally the hospitals and spoke words of encouragement to the sufferers. He hastened to the flooded town of Scegedin in Hungary and assisted with his own hands in the rescue of those in danger. His purse is ever open for the alleviation of suffering and pain. It was not seldom during the wars that he ordered his own stores of delicacies and wines to be given to the wounded of all ranks and partook himself of the simple fare of his soldiers. He moves freely and unostentatiously amongst his people, very rarely and only on State occasions escorted by guards, never surrounded or followed by secret police. Only last year I heard one of the ambassadors, who had spent many years at the Austrian Court, say he felt certain the Emperor was the only person he knew who had no enemy. This truly expresses the position of this monarch. Very extraordinary is his knowledge of languages. He speaks fluently every one of the many used in his realm, besides French and English; the Empress, like her husband, a great linguist, adds to these ancient and modern Greek. At one of the great military reviews near Vienna, when the troops numbered over 30,000, I heard the Emperor addressing five different regiments in their respective tongues, viz., German, Hungarian, Bohemian, Wallachian, and Italian. He has always been remarkable in the selection of his ministers, councillors, and friends, and it is not without interest for our own country to find that his most intimate boy friend, and later for many years his prime minister, was an Irish peer—Viscount Taafe.—*Cassell's Family Magazine* for August.

FOSTER—Hello, Felton! What are you doing now? Felton—Oh, I'm in business for myself. I have a store of my own. Foster—Ah! Good! What make of bicycle do you sell?

Hongkong Tides.

The Tide Table given below has been compiled by the Nautical Almanac Office in London from the results of the analysis of observations taken by means of an automatic tide recording machine in the Water Police Basin at Tsim Sha Tsui during the years 1887-8-9.

The zero of the table is Low Water Ordinary Spring Tides, which has been found to be 2 feet below mean sea level.

To obtain the depth of water on the tide gauge at the Victoria Naval Yard, add 5 ft. 7 in., and on the gauge at Lamont Dock, Aberdeen, add 12 ft. 9 in. to the height given in the table.

3rd to 9th September.

		High Water.		Low Water.	
Day	Date	Hongkong Mean Time.	Height.	Hongkong Mean Time.	Height.
		h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
Fri.	3	m 0 34 3 18 a	4 9 3 3	m 7 51	-0 1
Sat.	4	m 1 26 4 42 a	4 10 3 1	[illegible]	-0 1
Sun.	5	m 2 35	4 9	n. 11 18	-0 4
Mon.	6	No inferior m 8 34	high- 4 10	nor low- 0 30 a	water. -0 6
Tues.	7	No inferior m 9 10 8 16 a	high- [illegible]	nor low- 1 19 a	water. -0 11
Wed.	8	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0 11
Thur.	9	m 7 30 5 11 a	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0 10

TRICKS OF SO-CALLED MARKSMANSHIP.

Undoubtedly most of the wonderful exhibitions of marksmanship by the famous professional shots of recent times have been genuine in every respect (says a writer in *Chums*). But inasmuch as performance is generally regarded as a 'draw,' certain unscrupulous entertainment managers, especially in America, have not hesitated to supply the place of a really skilful shot by a clever impostor. Let us imagine ourselves at one of these exhibitions. 'Tanglefoot Pete' strides on to the stage (heroes and great Indian fighters, by the way, never walk like ordinary people—they invariably stride), and speaks his little piece with his unmistakable Western dialect more or less. 'Ladies and gentlemen,—I shall now p-r-o-c-e-e-d to shoot at that small bull's-eye. Every time the bullet strikes a plumb centre a bell will ring.' Bang, click, bang, click, bang, click! and the small-calibre repeater belches forth a shower of sparks, and from the direction of the target comes a sound as of an electric bell gone mad. It seems wonderful, for the gallant Pete scarcely glances along the blued barrel, and yet invariably hits the tiny bull's-eye. And how is it done? The trick is too simple to need a long description. The bull's-eye itself is white, and is surrounded by a black ring fully eight inches in diameter. The target is of half-inch pine board, and behind the whole arrangement, and extending from the centre to the circumference, is a steel plate. Consequently the ball has only to hit the eight-inch black target and the 'bell' will be rung, for the bullet passes as easily through the thin wood as it would through a pat of butter. Now hitting an eight-inch target thirty feet distance is hardly an impossible task, or one that the average schoolboy would fail at. So much for trick number one. Trick number two, as it is said, has been worked with great success at certain music-halls. In this fraud—for, of course, it is nothing else—the target faces the audience, and has in its centre the usual one-inch 'bull,' surrounded by a generous black border. A funnel of iron, about eight inches in diameter at the mouth, is placed in front of the bull, and painted so cleverly as to be invisible to the audience. All bullets finding their way into this capacious maw are naturally guided to the white bull. Another arrangement born of fertile, but misapplied ingenuity is one that may be called the 'ball trick' for want of a better name. A plate of iron is separated from another plate, or from a piece of stout board, by a couple of springs that will give when the iron plate is struck by a bullet, even on the edge. The plate is painted black, and in the centre is a projecting pin, upon which is stuck an extremely fragile ball of glass or composition. This ball 'Tanglefoot Pete' is to shoot at, and it is not supposed to be smashed unless actually struck by the projectile, but for all that, it is only necessary for the bullet to strike the black plate for the springs to be compressed, and the ball to be burst into fragments by the concussion. Another favourite diversion of professional stage shots is the breaking of glass balls thrown from a trap, or by hand, with a so-called bullet. The truth is that, with a repeating rifle, with a rifling bored out and a charge of fine shot used, the feat is by no means difficult. Finally the 'Cigar-ash trick' is one quite worthy of honourable mention in this connection. When you see one man standing, cigar in mouth, and another pretending to shoot off the ash without cutting the weed or hurting his friend, you should recollect that the cigar in question is a 'property' affair, containing a wire running through its centre, which, when pushed by the tongue of the smoker, causes the ash to drop off, even though the bullet has not passed near it. Quite different from the above are feats performed by the real experts, who are just as capable of proving their skill in the open air and under conditions which render such frauds totally impossible.—*Chums* for August.

Ethel.—'Do you believe in palmistry?' Mabel.—'Oh, it's all right for a starter, if the fellow's shy.'

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

September 1st.—AT 4 P.M.

Station.	Barometer.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Wind. Direction.	Wind. Force.	Weather.	Rain.
Wl'ostock.	29.65	74	—	SSW	4	b	—
Tokio	29.75	—	—	SE	6	—	—
Kochi	29.83	—	—	SE	2	—	—
Nagasaki	29.83	—	—	E	2	—	—
Kagoshima	29.91	—	—	S	2	—	—
Gutzlaff	29.87	78	95	E	4	omd	—
Sharp Pk.	29.79	83	94	E	0	b	—
Amoy	29.85	89	66	SE	3	b	—
Swatow	29.81	91	—	W	1	b	—
Canton	29.85	95	65	—	0	c	—
Hongkong	29.85	88	76	SW	1	op	—
Vict. Peak	—	—	—	S	3	—	—
Gap Rock	29.84	—	—	SSW	3	—	—
Macao	29.86	85	—	SW	1	c	—
Haiphong	29.81	89	87	S	1	c	—
Bolinao	29.83	87	76	W	2	b	—
Manila	29.76	91	67	SW	[illegible]	c	—
C.S. James	—	—	—	SW	—	b	—

September 2nd.—AT 10 A.M.

Station.	Barometer.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Wind. Direction.	Wind. Force.	Weather.	Rain.
Wl'ostock	29.77	65	92	E	1	c	—
Tokio	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kochi	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Nagasaki	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kagoshima	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Gutzlaff	29.86	83	87	SE	1	ov	—
Sharp Pk.	29.83	81	87	SSW	1	c	—
Amoy	29.83	84	85	—	0	c	—
Swatow	29.88	85	—	W	1	b	—
Canton	29.91	84	91	SE	1	c	—
Hongkong	29.9[illegible]	84	73	SW	2	op	—
Vict. Peak	—	—	—	SSW	1	—	—
Gap Rock	29.89	—	—	SW	3	—	—
Macao	29.89	86	—	SW	1	c	—
Haiphong	29.86	86	76	SE	1	c	—
Bolinao	29.88	86	84	SE	2	b	—
Manila	29.92	88	72	WSW	1	c	—
C.S. James	—	—	—	NW	2	m	—

F. G. FIGG, *Acting Director*.
Hongkong Observatory, Sept. 2nd, 1897.

1. BAROMETER, reduced to 32 degrees Fahrenheit, and to the level of the sea in inches, tenths, and hundredths.
2. TEMPERATURE, in the shade, in degrees Fahrenheit.
3. HUMIDITY, in percentage of saturation, the humidity of air saturated with moisture being 100.
4. DIRECTION OF WIND, to two points.
5. FORCE OF WIND, according to Beaufort Scale.
6. STATE OF WEATHER: b blue sky, c detached clouds, d drizzling rain, f fog, g gloomy, h hail, l lightning, o overcast, p passing showers, q squally, r rain, s snow, t thunder, v visibility, w dew (wet).
RAIN, in inches, tenths and hundredths.

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THE CHINA & JAPAN TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED.

HONGKONG EXCHANGE.

OPEN DAY AND NIGHT.

LIST OF EXCHANGE SUBSCRIBERS.

No.

A

129.—Aberdeen, Paper Mills Office.
130.—Aberdeen, Paper Mills.
40.—Anderson, Capt., East Point.
24.—Anderson, Capt., Praya Central.
8.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

B

147.—Babington, A., Residence.
187.—Bailey's Engineering Agency.
158.—Beck, J. M., Residence.
143.—Bell Asbestos Co.
172.—Benjamin S. S., Residence.
148.—Benjamin, Kelly & Potts.
70.—Beurmann C., Residence.
66.—Blackhead & Co.
139.—Blackhead & Co., Soap Factory, Sau-ki-wan.
65.—Blackhead, F., Residence.
13.—Boening, G. D. Residence.
96.—Bradley & Co.
154.—Brick Co., Deep Water Bay.
194.—E. J. Buller, Residence.
122.—Burnie, & Goddard Capts.
39.—Butterfield & Swire, Peak Residence.
30A.— Do. do. Quarry Bay.
18.— Do. do. Shipping Office.
36.— Do. do. Sugar Office.

C

75.—Caldbeck, Macgregor & Co.
42.—Canadian Pacific Railway Co.
126.—Canton Insurance Co.
133.—Carlowitz & Co.
111.—Carmichael & Co.
134.—Carmichael H. F., Residence.
152.—Chai On Insurance Co.
128.—Chan Choy, Residence.
22.—'China Mail' Office.
180.—China Merchants Office.
180A.— do. Godown.
72.—China Sugar Refinery, East Point.
71.— Do. do. Town Office.
160.—Chow Tung Shang, Residence.
183.—Cobbold, Rev. R. F., Residence.
168.—Colonial Secretary's Office.
83.—Commodore's Residence, Peak.
153.—Com. Union Assurance Co.
87.—Compradore, D. Lapraik & Co., Office.
88.— Do. do., Residence.
78.—Cousins, J. B., Office.

CLUBS.

149.—Club Germania.
11.—Club, Hongkong.
116.—Do. Lusitano.
10.— Do. Peak.

D

12.—'Daily Press' Office.
85.—Dairy Farm Office.
67.—Dairy Farm, Pok-foo-lum.
121.—Danby, W.
73.—David, A. J., Residence.
60.—David & Co.
25.—Dock, Aberdeen.
20.—Dock Co.

DOCTORS.

80.—Dr. Atkinson, Residence.
105.—Dr. Clark, Residence.
2.—Drs. Hartigan, Stedman and Rennie.
23.—Dr. Jordan, Office.
43.— Do. Residence.
159.—Dr. Paulun Office.
127.—Dr. Paulun, Residence.
182.—Dr. Rennie, Residence.
55.—Dr. Stedman, Residence.
41.—Dodwell, Carlill & Co.
17.—Douglas Lapraik & Co.

SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.—SEPTEMBER 2, 1897.

Stocks.	No. of Shares.	Value.	Paid-up.	Closing Quotations, Cash.
BANKS.				
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Corp.	80,000	$ 125	all	168 % prem.=$335
Bank of China & Japan, Limited preference shares	39,950	£ 5	£ 5	com.
	189,875	£ 8	£ 2.10	nom.
" ordinary "		£ 1	£ 1	£5, buyers
" deferred "	1,250	£ 10	£ 8	$21
National Bank of China, Limited...	...			
MARINE INSURANCES.				
Canton Insurance Office Co., Ld.	10,000	$ 250	$ 50	$177½, sellers
China Traders' Insurance Co., Ld.	24,000	$ 83.33	$ 25	Tls. 200, buyers
North-China Insurance Co., Ld.	5,000	£ 100	£ 20	$17½, sellers
Straits Insurance Co., Ld.	30,000	$ 10	$ 50	$235, sales and buyers
Union Insurance Society, Ld.	10,000	$ 250	$ 60	$158, buyers
Yangtsze Insurance Association, Ld.	8,000	$ 100	$ 60	$158, buyers
FIRE INSURANCES.				
China Fire Insurance Co., Ld.	20,000	$ 100	$ 20	$105, sales
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ld.	8,000	$ 250	$ 50	$357½, sellers
DOCKS.				
H'kong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ld.	12,500	$ 125	all	218 % prm. = $397.50, [buyers
STEAMBOATS.				
China and Manila S. S. Co., Ld.	5,000	$ 50	all	$75, buyers
Douglas Steamship Co., Limited.	20,000	$ 50	all	$66, sellers
HK. C. and M. Steamboat Co., Ld.	80,000	$ 15	$ 15	$32½, sales and buyers
Indo-China S. N. Company, Limited	60,000	£ 10	all	$48, sales
China Mutual S. N. Co.	20,000	£ 10	£ 10	£7, buyers
			£ 10	£5.10, buyers
Do. (new issue).	20,000	£ 10	£ 5	£2.10, buyers
REFINERIES.				
China Sugar Company, Limited.	20,000	$ 100	all	$135½, buyers
Luzon Sugar Company, Limited.	7,000	$ 100	all	$43, sellers
WHARVES.				
HK. & Kow. Wharf & Godown Co.	20,000	$ 50	all	$63, sellers
Wanchai Warehouse and Storage Company, Limited.	2,600	$ 100	$ 37½	$44½
LAND AND BUILDING.				
Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company, Limited.	50,000	$ 100	$ 50	$74, buyers
Kowloon Land and Building Company,	6,000	$ 50	$ 30	$19
Humphreys' Estate & Finance Co.	25,400	$ 10	all	$9½, sales and sellers
West Point Building Co., Limited.	12,500	$ 50	$ 40	$22, sellers
TRAMWAYS.				
HK. High-Level Tramways Co., Ld.	1,250	$ 100	all	$112, sellers
MINING.				
Jelebu Mining & Trading Co., Ld.	40,000	$ 5	all	$2.10, buyers
New Punjom Mining Co., Ld.	60,000	$ 4	all	$6, buyers
" " Preference shares.	30,000	$ 1	all	$2
Société Française des Charbonnages du Tonkin.	12,000	Fcs. 500	all	$81, sales and buyers
New Balmoral Gold M'ing Co., Ld.	50,000	$ 1	all	$1.40
" " Preference shares	75,000	$ 1		$1.60
Raub Aust. Gold Mining Co., Ld.	200,000	£ 1	13/10	$19½, buyers
Olivers Freehold Mines, Ltd.	A 15,000	$ 5	$ 5	$20, sellers
	B 20,000	$ 5	$ 2½	$5½, sales and buyers
	25,000	$ 5	$ 1	—
PLANTING, ETC.				
China-Borneo Company, Ld.	7,500	$ 100	$ 55	nom.
H. G. Brown & Co., Limited. in liq.	6,000	$ 50	all	in liq.
HOTELS, ETC.				
Hongkong Hotel Company, Lt.	12,000	$ 50	all	$48½, sales
DISPENSARIES.				
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited.	60,000	$ 10	all	$12.50, sales and buyers
LIGHTING.				
HK. and China Gas Co., Limited.	7,000	£ 10	all	$110, buyers
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited.	30,000	$ 10	$ 10	$9.50, buyers
BRICK AND CEMENT.				
Green Island Cement Co., Ld.	20,000	$ 10	$ 10	$44½, cum. n. i., buyers $29¾, ex n. i., sales and [buyers $15
MISCELLANEOUS.				
Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Ld.	3,000	£ 1	£1	$9, sellers
	7,000	£ 1	£ 15/	$5, sellers
Campbell, Moore & Co., Limited.	7,200	$ 10	all	$8
Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited.	6,000	$ 25	$ 25	$28.25
Hongkong Bakery Company, Ld.	600	$ 50	all	$33, buyers
Hongkong Dairy Farm Co.	10,000	$ 7½	$ 5	$4, buyers
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited.	5,000	$ [illegible]	all	$113, sellers
H'kong Rope Manufactory Co., Ld.	5,000	$ 5[illegible]	all	$170, sales
Ewo Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Ld.	10,000	Tls. 100	Tls 100	Tls. 114
International Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ld.	10,000	Tls. 100	Tls 100	Tls. 122
Laou-Kung-Mow Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Ld.	8,000	Tls. 100	Tls 100	Tls. 116
Carmichael & Co., Ld.	2,000	$ 2[illegible]	$ 20	$8
Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Co., Ld.	2,000	Tls. 500	Tls 500	Tls. 585

* Founder's shares

LOANS.	Amount.	Value.	Interest.	Quotation.
Chinese Imperial 1895	Tls. 767,20[illegible]	Tls. 250	7 % p. annum	10 % prem.

A. G. STOKES, Share-broker.

Intimations.

E

58.—Electric Co.
58A.—Electric Co., Residence.

F

142.—Fenwick, Geo. & Co.
74.—Fletcher & Co.

G

48.—Gas Co., East Point.
47.— Do. West Point.
150.—Gaupp & Co.
31.—Gibb, Livingston & Co.
44.—Government House.
193.—Gray, R. M., Residence.

H

156.—Hall, F. W., Residence.
171.—Hancock A., Residence.
50.—Harbour Master.
99.—Harling, Buschmann & Menzell.
86.—Harling, G., Residence.
95.—Haskell, D., Residence.
92.—Hermann, C., Residence.
113.—Him Kee & Co.
27.—Holliday, Wise & Co.
101.—H. C. & M. S. Co., Office.
102.—H. C. & M. S. Co., Wharf.
126.—Hongkong Fire Insurance Co.
9.—H. & S. Bank.
84.—H. & S. Bank, Mess.
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HOSPITALS.

26.—Hospital, Alice Memorial.
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115.—Hospital, Nethersole.
3.— Do. Peak.
110.—Hospital, Naval.
175.— Do. Tung Wah.

HOTELS.

32.—Hotel, Hongkong.
35.— Do. Mount Austin.
56.— Do. New Victoria.
29.— Do. Peak.
170.—Hotel, Windsor.

82.—Ho Tung, Praya West.
77.— Do. Praya Central.
59.— Do. Residence.
37.—Humphreys, J. D., Residence.
68.—Humphreys, J. D., & Son.

J

186.—Jackson, W., Residence.
178.—Jou Tits Shing.

K

108.—Kaw Hong Take
185.—Kelly & Walsh.
185A.— do. Printing Office.
64A.—Kennedy, J., Causeway Bay.
64.— Do. do. Horse Repository.
107.—Kin Fat Hong.
141.—Kinghorn and Macdonald.
120.—Kirch & Co.
151.—Kruse & Co.

L

91.—Lamke & Rogge.
117.—Land Investment Co.
97.—Lane, Crawford & Co.
97A.—Lane, Crawford, Store.
188.—Lauts, Wegener & Co.
189.—Lauts, T. J., Residence.
89.—Layton, B., Office.
90.— Do., Residence.
167.—Leigh and Orange.
179.—Lloyd's Register.

M

173.—MacEwen, Frickel & Co.
106.—Man Chuen Yuen.
98.—Man On Insurance Co.
118.—Marty, A. R.
112.—Melchers & Co.
131.—Meyer & Co.
114.—Meyer & Co., Godown.
124.—Meyer & Co., North Point.
157.—Michaelsen, St. C., Residence.
155.—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.
164.—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha Branch Office.

N

125.—Nam Tai Insurance Co.
5.—Nam Wo & Co.
146.—National Bank.
109.—Naval Yard.

O

119.—Opium Factory.
46.—Opium Farm.
174.—Osborne E., Residence.

P

176.—Palmer and Turner.
19.—P. & O. S. N. Co.
69.—P. & O. Mess, Peak.
164.—Po On, Insurance Co., Godown.
15.—Police Station, Central.
184.—Potts, W. Hutton., Residence.
162.—Post Master General.
135.—Price, H. & Co.

R

34.—Ray, F. C., Residence.
51.—Ray, E. C.
103.—R. E. Guard Room.
104.—R. E. Mess.
192.—Reiss & Co.
140.—Reuter, Brockelmann & Co.
76.—Richardson R. L. Residence.
19A.—Ritchie, H. A.
30—Ritchie, H. A., Residence.
45.—Rope Factory.
169.—Ross A., Residence.
190.—Ruttonjee, H.

S

52.—Sailors' Home.
4.—Sanitarium, Pok-foo-lum.
94.—Sassoon, M. S. & Co.
132.—Schrotter, J. G., Residence.
49.—Shewan, Tomes & Co.
181.—Siebs, N. A., Residence.
81.—Siemssen & Co.
106.—Skott H., Residence.
139.—Soap Factory, Shaukiwan.
100.—Sperry Flour Co.
61.—Stevens, G. R., Office.
62.— Do. do. Residence.
153.—Straits Insurance Co.
53.—Sui Kut Bank.

T

191.—Tai Hing & Co., Bowrington.
14.—Telegraph Companies.
28.—Tomes, C. A., Residence.
137.—Tong Lee Chan, Office.
138.—Tong Lee Chan, Shaukiwan.
54.—Tram Station, Peak.
93.—Tung Kee & Co.

V

136.—Vacuum Oil Co.

W

16.—Watson A. S., & Co.
6.—Wharf & Godown Co., Head Office.
7.—Wharf & Godown Co., Kowloon.
21.—Wharf & Godown Co., Wanchai.
33.—Wharf & Godown Co., West Point.
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165.—Wieler & Co.
144.—Wing Kee & Co., Office.
145.— Do., Godown.
63.—Wo Kee & Co.

Y

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Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eleven Sections, commencing from Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked h., near the Kowloon shore k., and those in the body of the Shipping or midway between each shore are marked c., in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

Section.
1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.
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3. From Jardine's Wharf to the Harbour Master's Office.
4. From Harbour Master's to the P. & O. Co.'s Office.
5. From P. & O. Co.'s Office to Pedder's Wharf.
6. From Pedder's Wharf to the Naval Yard.

Section.
7. From Naval Yard to Blue Buildings.
8. From Blue Buildings to East Point.
9. From Kellett's Island to North Point.
10. Kowloon Wharves.
11. Jardine's Wharf.

Vessel's Name.	Anchorage.	Captain.	Flag and Rig.	Tons nett.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees or Agents.	Destination	Remarks.
Steamers.								
Activ	5 c	Storm	Danish str.	426	Aug. 8	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Ask	5 c	Hygom	Danish str.	682	Sept. 2	A. R. Marty		
Catherine Apcar	6 k	Frey	Brit. str.	1734	Sept. 1	David Sassoon, Sons & Co.	S'pore & Calcutta	Sept. 7.
Ceylon	5 c	Pearce	Brit. str.	2637	Sept. 2	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Singapore	Sept. 3.
Chi Yuen	3 h	Jamiesson	Chi. str.	1174	Sept. 2	C. M. S. N. Co.		
Choysang	5 c	Bowker	Brit. str.	1194	Aug. 31	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Chunsang	8 c	Boller	Brit. str.	1418	Aug. 29	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Hongay	Sept. 3.
City of Rio de Janeiro	....	Ward	Amer. str.	3519	July 26	P. M. S. S. Co.	....	K'loon Dock
Companía de Filipinas	2 c	Pico	Span. str.	397	Aug. 30	Order		
Crown of Arragon	3 c	Dorward	Brit. str.	1774	Sept. 1	Gilman & Co.		
Esmeralda	5 c	Payler	Brit. str.	866	Aug. 24	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	Manila	To-day
Freja	3 c	Funder	Danish str.	539	Sept. 1	A. R. Marty	Hoihow, &c.	Sept. 3.
Frogner	3 c	Storm	Norw. str.	769	Aug. 29	Wieler & Co.		
Gormania	3 c	Muller	Ger. str.	1714	Aug. 19	Jebsen & Co.		
Glaucus	5 k	Barwise	Brit. str.	3590	Sept. 1	Butterfield & Swire		
Haimun	5 h	Bathurst	Brit. str.	636	Sept. 1	Douglas Steamship Co.		
Hertha	5 k	Jaeger	Ger. str.	2150	Sept. 1	Siemssen & Co.	Yokohama	Sept. 6.
Hunan	5 c	Frazier	Brit. str.	1158	Aug. 20	Butterfield & Swire		
Kiang-nan	5 c	Inokay	Chi. str.	1347	Sept. 2	Kwong-Man Woo	Hankow	Sept. 5.
Kiushiu Maru	5 c	Sommer	Japan. str.	2459	Aug. 30	Bradley & Co.	Kobe	Sept. 9.
Laurel Branch	6 c	Bitson	Brit. str.	2140	Aug. 31	Admiralty		
Lotimbro	5 k	Belsito	Italian str.	1403	Aug. 27	Carlowitz & Co.	Singapore & Bombay	Sept. 3.
Memnon	5 c	Mogridge	Brit. str.	825	Aug. 30	Butterfield & Swire		
Phra Nang	8 c	Watton	Brit. str.	1021	Aug. 31	Yuen Fat Hong		
Prometheus	5 c	Day	Brit. str.	3583	Sept. 2	Butterfield & Swire	Singapore	Sept. 3.
Progress	3 c	Brandt	Ger. str.	678	Sept. 1	Chinese		
Sabine Rickmers	5 c	Sanders	Ger. str.	589	Aug. 21	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.		
Saint Ninian	5 c	Haynes	Brit. str.	19[illegible]0	Sept. 1	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Thales	5 h	Douglas	Brit. str.	829	Sept. 1	Douglas Steamship Co.	Swatow, &c.	Sept. 3.
Velox	3 c	Toomssen	Ger. str.	636	Sept. 2	Wieler & Co.		
Victoria	5 c	Panton	Brit. str.	1092	Aug. 20	Dodwell, Carlill & Co.	Tacoma, &c.	Sept. 7.
Wong-koi	5 c	Stenham	Brit. str.	1115	Aug. 28	Butterfield & Swire	Bangkok	Sept. 3.
Wuotan	3 c	Jacobsen	Ger. str.	1116	Aug. 31	Lauts, Wegener & Co.		
Zafiro	5 c	Cobban	Brit. str.	675	Aug. 30	Shewan, Tomes & Co.		
Sailing Vessels.								
Abner Coburn	7 c	Nichols	Amer. sh.	1879	Aug. 12	Standard Oil Co.		
Ancyra	7 c	Morris	Br. 4m. sh.	2198	July 29	Carlowitz & Co.		
Duguesclin	7 c	Dejoie	Fren. bqe.	1334	Aug. 11	Order		
Gov. Robie	2 k	Nichols	Amer. sh.	1627	July 5	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.		
Heathbank	2 k	McKechnie	Brit. bqe.	1548	July 6	Standard Oil Co.		
Isaac Reed	9 c	Waldo	Amer. sh.	1489	Aug. 4	Standard Oil Co.		
Landseer	2 k	Stahl	Amer. sh.	1348	April 12	Dodwell, Carlill & Co.		
Lucy A. Nickels	2 k	Nichols	Brit. bqe.	1380	May 24	Standard Oil Co.		
Sierra Nevada	7 c	Scott	Brit. sh.	1400	July 30	P. & O. S. N. Co.		
Vale of Doon	5 k	Petersen	Brit. bqe.	669	Aug. 28	Wieler & Co.		
West York	....	....	Bri. bqe.	688	Oct. 18	Order	....	Cos'tan Dock

Her Britannic Majesty's Ships on the China Station.

Name.	Rig.	Tons.	Guns.	I.H.P.	Captain.	Where at.
Alacrity	despatch-vessel	1700	10	3000	Commander Smith-Dorien	Hakodate
Algerine	sloop	1050	6	1400	Commander E. F. Domville	Shanghai
Archer	cruiser 3rd class	1770	6	3500	Comd. C. J. Kingsmill	Nagasaki
Centurion*	twinscrew battle ship	10,500	14	13,000	Captain Spencer H. Login	Hakodate
Daphne	sloop	1150	8	2000	Commander Galloway	Nagasaki
Esk	g-bt. 3rd class coast defence	363	2	200	Lt.-Com. Chadwick	Shanghai
Firebrand	gunboat 2nd class	455	2	360	Lieut.-Com. Vernon Maud	Hongkong
Grafton†	twin-screw cruiser, 1st class	7350	12	12,000	Captain E. P. Jones	Hakodate
Handy	torpedo boat destroyer	260	6	4000	Lieut. A. Gillespie	Hakodate
Hart	torpedo boat destroyer	260	6	4000	Lieut. H. F. Shakespear	Hakodate
Humber	storeship	1610	—	800		Nagasaki
Immortalité	armoured cruiser, 1st class	5600	12	8500	Captain Edward Chichester	Hakodate
Iphigenia	cruiser 2nd class	3600	8	900	Capt. H. T. Dudding	Straits
Linnet	gun-vessel 2nd class	756	2	870	Commander B. C. Sparkes	Yokohama
Narcissus	armoured cruiser, 1st class	5600	12	8500	Captain Wm. C. C. Forsyth	Hakodate
Peacock	gunboat 1st class	750	6	1200	Lieut. P. S. St. John	Nagasaki
Phoenix	sloop	1050	6	1400	Capt. Cochrane	Hongkong
Pigmy	gunboat 1st class	710	6	1200	Lieut. Dormer	Hongkong
Pique	cruiser 2nd class	3600	8	9000	Capt. A. C. Corry	Hakodate
Plover	gunboat 1st class	755	6	1200	Lieut. Spencer V. Y. de Horsey	Singapore
Rainbow	cruiser 2nd class	3600	8	9000	Capt. V. A. Tisdall	Yokohama
Rattler	gunboat 1st class	715	6	1200	Lt.-Com. Hon. G. A. Hardinge	Yokohama
Redpole	gunboat 1st class	805	6	1200	Lieut.-Com. E. H. Grafton	Hakodate
Swift	gun-vessel 2nd class	756	2	870	Capt. R. K. McAlpine	Hongkong
Tamar	ex-transport	2047	—	—	——	Hongkong
Tweed	g.-bt. 3rd class coast defence	363	2	200	——	Hongkong
Undaunted	cruiser	5600	12	8500	Capt. A. C. Clarke	Hongkong
Victor Emanuel	receiving ship	5157	14	—	Commodore S. Holland	Hongkong
Wivern	coast defence ship, armoured	2750	4	1000	——	Hongkong

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Foreign Men-of-war on the China and Japan Station.

Name.	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Guns.	H.P.	Captain.	Where at.
Admiral Kornieloff	Russian cruiser	1500	16	9000	Captain Molas	——
Admiral Nakhimoff	Russian cruiser	7781	18	8000	Captain Kashtcherinoff	Vladivostock
Africa	Portuguese transport	1993	2	750	Capt. Antonio Sergio de Souza	Macao
Aleout	Russian gunboat	810	2	730	Captain Parenago	Vladivostock
Arcona	German cruiser	1640	8	2930	Captain Becker	Chefoo
Argos	Spanish gunboat	508	2	600	Commander R. Cabezas	Manila
Aspic	French gunboat	475	3	450	Commander Journet	Bangkok
Bayard	French flagship	7000	12	4500	Commander Joannet	Hakodate
Bengo	Portuguese gunboat	400	3	400	Lt.-Comdr. Jose dos Reis	Macao
Bobre	Russian sloop	950	2	1150	Captain Boisman	Chefoo
Boston	U. S. cruiser	3000	8	3700	Captain F. Wildes	Kobe
Castilla	Spanish cruiser	3260	6	4400	Capt. A. Martin de Oliva	Manila
Cebu	Spanish troopship	532	2	600	Lieut. A. Barrera	Manila
Comète	French gunboat	495	3	600	Capt. Simon	Yokohama
Cormoran	German cruiser	1640	8	2900	Capt. Brussatis	Chefoo
Descartes	French cruiser	3988	14	85[illegible]0	Capt. Bernard	Yokohama
Dimitri Donskoi	Russian cruiser	6000	16	7000	Captain Witthoft	Vladivostock
Don Antonio de Ulloa	Spanish cruiser	1200	4	1523	Com. E. Robion	Manila
Don Juan de Austria	Spanish cruiser	1130	4	1600	Commander J. de la Concha	Manila
Eclaireur	French cruiser	1658	8	2050	Capt. Texier	Hakodate
Elcano	Spanish gunboat	560	3	600	Lieut. Com. F. Escudero	Manila
Gaidamak	Russian gunboat	500	9	3500	Capt. Serebrennikoff	——
General Alava	Spanish troopship	1200	2	1000	Capt. R. Rodriguez Trujillo	Manila
General Lezo	Spanish gunboat	520	3	600	Lieut.-Com. R. Benavente	Manila
Gremiastchy	Russian gunboat	1490	2	2000	Capt. Bouchanoff	——
Irene	German cruiser	1640	8	2980	Commander du Bois	Chefoo
Isla de Cuba	Spanish protected cruiser	1048	4	2200	Commander D. Regalado	Manila
Isla de Luzon	Spanish protected cruiser	1048	4	2200	Commander P. Barreto	Manila
Kaiser	German flagship	7677	15	5700	Captain Zeye	Chefoo
Korejetz	Russian sloop	1200	9	2150	Capt. Lindestroem	Yokohama
Kreiser	Russian sloop	1542	2	1800	Capt. Iwvitsk	——
Lion	French gunboat	500	2	500	Lieutenant Gauchet	Saigon
Machias	U. S. cruiser	1200	8	1600	Commander Mackenzie	Shanghai
Manila	Spanish transport	1900	2	750	Lieut.-Com. J. J. [illegible]	Manila
Mandshur	Russian sloop	1200	3	1400	Commander [illegible]	Shanghai
Marques del Duero	Spanish gunboat	500	3	550	Lt.-Com. S. Moreno de Guerra	Manila
Monocacy	U. S. sloop	1370	6	850	Com. O. W. Farenholt	Shanghai
Olympia	U. S. flagship	5800	14	17,[illegible]	Captain Gridley	Yokohama
Otvajny	Russian gunboat	1490	2	[illegible]	[illegible]	Chefoo
Pamiat Azova	Russian cruiser	6000	15	[illegible]	[illegible]	Vladivostock
Panther	Austrian cruiser	1540	[illegible]	[illegible]	Commander [illegible]	Yokohama
Pascal	French cruiser	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	——	[illegible]
Petrel	U. S. cruiser	890	[illegible]	[illegible]	Commander [illegible]	——
Pluvier	French gunboat	645	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Bangkok
Prinzess Wilhelm	German cruiser	4400	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Yokohama
Reina Cristina	Spanish cruiser	3500	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Manila
Rurik	Russian flagship	10,9[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Vladivostock
Silatch	Russian gunboat	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sivoutch	Russian gunboat	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Surprise	French gunboat	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Velasco	Spanish gunboat	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Manila
Vipere	French gunboat	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Vsadnik	Russian gunboat	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Yorktown	U. S. cruiser	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
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